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Get a kick out of it

Red Hawks senior forward Casey Pringle, left, watches her shot on net during the home opener against the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats in Kawartha League action on Tuesday, May 7. More on page 27. **Darren Lum** Staff

A new owner for Curry Motors

Jenn Watt
Editor

After 90 years in business, Curry Motors has sold.

The iconic GM dealership named for founder W.R. Curry changed hands May 10 to another small-town dealer from Cobourg.

"We have come to Haliburton for 25 years visiting friends at the cottage. ... I was always thinking it would be a great spot to have a dealership

up here too. So I guess dreams do come true," said the new dealer-principal Bill Campbell.

Many would describe Curry Motors as a dream business, maintaining a solid reputation in Haliburton for almost a century.

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Kids' video brings zombies to Haliburton

Here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

Zombies in Haliburton? It happens in *Northway Resurrection*, a YouTube series directed and produced by local kids Rowan Tofflemire and Robbie Hall and starring Robbie, Rowan, Seamus Lynch, Gage Tofflemire, Conor Fischer, Julian Anderson, Emma Graham, Rachael Reddering and others.

Aside from a lot of blood and guttural growls, viewers will also find an action-packed thriller shot on the streets of Haliburton and even inside Stedman's V&S.

To find the video, search "Northway Resurrection" on YouTube.

Clean up Miskwabi

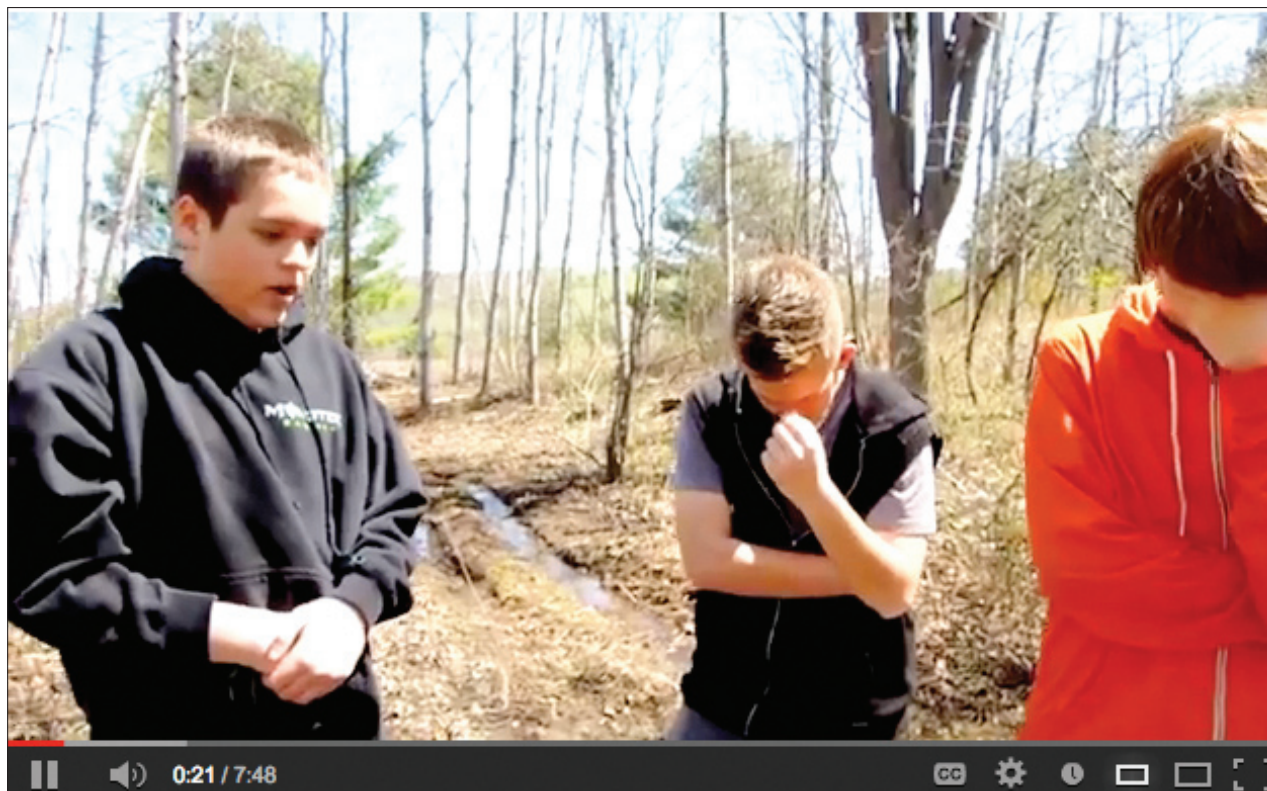
On Sunday, May 19, at 11 a.m. volunteers from the Miskwabi Area Community Associate (MACA) will get together for the annual clean up on the roads around Long, Negaunee, Miskawabi and Wenona lakes.

All home and cottage owners are invited to join in. Meet the other volunteers at Air Strip Road at 11 a.m. on Trapper's Trail. Be sure to wear gloves and bug spray. Bags will be provided. A barbecue for all of the volunteers will be held following the clean-up.

A reminder to other owners, cottagers and visitors to the area, drive carefully and watch out for the volunteers.

Poets help flood victims

Haliburton County Live Poets in the Pub presents Poetry of the Flood, a fundraising evening to benefit those whose homes were damaged by the Great Flood of 2013.



Episode two of *Northway Resurrection* is out on YouTube. The zombie apocalypse series is produced, directed and performed by local kids.

This event takes place Wednesday, May 15, 7 p.m. at the Dominion Hotel in beautifully dry downtown Minden. Listen to some of the best poets in the county reading poems of the flood, water poems, deep poems, new poems and old poems. There will be door prizes, the limerick contest (complete up to two limericks with a fee of one loonie per

poem that will be collected and judged), and Rent-a-Poet (poets will be auctioned to the highest bidder; the winner will engage "their" poet to write a poem on a topic of your choice).

For more information, email Claire Sylvan at csylvan13@gmail.com.

Extremely dry conditions

Dysart et al is experiencing dry conditions, as seen in this dry swamp area beside the Harburn Road last week. There is to be no daytime burning. See more on page 3.

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A fire consumed a cottage property in Fort Irwin on Haliburton Lake on May 5. The Dysart fire department took five hours with 16 firefighters to get the blaze under control. An ATV, trailers and boats were destroyed. It started as a campfire.

Photo submitted by Susan Kreyssig

Fire rating returns to moderate after dry week

The deputy fire chief issued a stern warning to those planning a campfire in the Haliburton Highlands last week.

"It is very dry on the surface in and around the bush and fields," Don Stephenson wrote in a press release May 6.

Despite widespread flooding across Haliburton County, not enough rain fell and plants hadn't grown enough to mitigate potential forest fires.

Following a large fire near Fort Irwin Sunday, May 5, which nearly took out a neighbouring cottage, Stephenson issued his release, calling the fire rating "extreme" in Dysart et al.

"Dysart Fire and Rescue reminds everyone to think about camp fire safety. During the spring, grass and forest fuels are dry and fires can spread out of control quickly," he said.

"The laws for outdoor burning are listed on the Dysart et al website under Fire Department. Fires are the homeowner's responsibility. No daytime burning! These rules have been in place for many years so not knowing the rules will not help when it comes to the law about burning."

On May 13, Stephenson reduced the rating to moderate, but reminded people there is still no daytime burning.

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Minor injuries in transport truck rollover

Highway 118 was closed for several hours Wednesday night as emergency response personnel worked to clean up lumber strewn across the road after a transport truck rolled over.

At about 7:20 p.m. Haliburton OPP responded to a call that the truck along with a flatbed trailer of lumber had rolled over on a curve near Ablett Court near West Guilford in Algonquin Highlands township. Firefighters, EMS and police all responded.

The cab of the truck became dislodged from the frame, but police report that the driver and passenger both had only minor injuries. They were transported to Minden hospital.

The collision is under investigation.



Above, firefighters from Algonquin Highlands look over the lumber spill on Highway 118 following a rollover involving a transport truck on May 8 just after 7 p.m. Only minor injuries were reported from the incident.

Left, the cab of the transport truck became detached from the trailer after the truck flipped while rounding a corner on Highway 118 near West Guilford just north of Haliburton.

County enters into site agreement for Tim Hortons

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The County of Haliburton has entered into a site plan agreement with the company building a Tim Hortons on County Road 21 outside of Haliburton Village.

Councillors voted to enter into the agreement with New Urban Haliburton Inc. during a special meeting on May 8.

"Unfortunately, Tim Hortons isn't able to make the meeting today," county roads director Doug Ray told councillors, adding that not quite all the engineering drawings have been completed, which Tim Hortons has paid for. "The developer will be paying for the traffic lane improvements to the highway," Ray said.

The agreement includes that the developer pays \$125,000 for the construction of left and right turning lanes, including tapers and a paved shoulder, at the entrance of the restaurant.

The county is responsible for doing the work. The developer is also responsible for the construction of a commercial entrance in congruence with county bylaws.



Chad Ingram Staff

The development company responsible for building a Tim Hortons on County Road 21 was digging ground on May 10. The site plan was approved by county council on May 8.

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Invasive species matter

A FEW YEARS BACK Haliburton foresters started to notice something strange.

Canker-like holes were forming on the bark of the area's beech trees.

Soon after the blemishes appeared, the trees would die.

Nothing seemed to stop it.

The foresters would soon learn that the trees had beech bark disease, which is actually the combination of a fungus and an insect that together signal the demise of beech trees as we know them.

It's expected that within a decade, Haliburton's beech trees will either be gone or gnarled and disfigured.

The culprit: beech scale is an invasive species that came to Canada from Europe a long time ago. It has been slowly making its way through American and Canadian forests.

When the *Echo* ran a story about this disease in January, Peter Schleifenbaum, owner of Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve, expressed his deep frustration that he was about to lose his beech trees and that such invasives are able to spread partially through human behaviour.

Buy local plants and firewood, he urged those visiting the Highlands, and you will help protect the land you travel so far to see.

Unfortunately, it's not just beech trees that are endangered by "aliens"

on our landscape.

Invasive species also come by water, onboard ATVs, in your truck's wheel wells, and in your boat's motor.

Sometimes they are intentionally planted because they look nice and quickly fill up a barren flowerbed, or intentionally released because they make good fishing.

There's a reason these species are called invasive; the problem with most of them is they push out native plants and animals, gobble up food and sunlight and endanger the long-established ecological balance.

"Native ecosystems, functioning with all the original pieces intact are best suited to withstand adversity from a changing climate, pests and disease," Ministry of Natural Resources biologist Graham Cameron told the paper.

A stack of firewood from Toronto or an unwashed ATV from Windsor might not seem dangerous, but they actually pose a serious threat.

Cameron's advice: use native plants in your landscaping, wash all equipment when moving from one lake to the next and remove debris, mud, weeds, etc., from your vehicles.

Small decisions making a world of difference.

(There is a fantastic website with all of Ontario's invasive species listed including a special hotline for reporting sightings. Go to invasivespecies.com for more.)



Jenn Watt
Editor



Spring work

photo by Darren Lum

Kale!

MY FRIEND WHOM I'll call BCL is a strong, beautiful and vibrant woman. I attribute this to her healthy lifestyle. She retired and works on several community projects that she is passionate about. She gets regular exercise, loves to read and has great friends. I believe that all of that adds to her current state of beauty.

She informed me it is the kale she has added into her daily diet that is making her stronger. Kale is one of nature's superfoods. The amino acids in kale are free-forming – which means they can be assimilated directly into the body and built into protein. Kale is also a powerful anti-ageing tool containing powerful antioxidants known as carotenoids and flavonoids, which protect your cells from free radicals that cause oxidative stress. In honour of kale, and the gardening/market season that is upon us where the kale will be plentiful and my beautiful friend, I offer these two recipes as ways of incorporating some kale into your great eating lifestyle. Enjoy!



Lynda Shadbolt
Tales from The Great Green Meadow

- * 2 tbsp hemp seeds
- * ½ cup olive oil or hemp oil
- * ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- * 1 lemon, juiced
- * 2-4 tablespoons raw unpasteurized honey
- * 1 tsp sea salt

Directions:

1. Shred the cabbage, carrots, beets and fennel in a food processor or with a grater or hand slice into thin strips.
 2. In a mixing bowl, toss in all the raw vegetable ingredients (except the hemp seeds).
 3. In a separate bowl mix together the vinaigrette.
 4. Combine vinaigrette with raw veggies and toss together until the cabbage and kale are well coated.
 5. Allow salad to marinate in fridge for a few minutes – or up to an hour, mixing in the hemp seeds just before serving.
- Full of colour, texture and flavour, this is a highly nutritious salad. The longer it marinates, the better it tastes!

Creamy Cherry Strawberry Kale Smoothie

Ingredients

- ½ cup frozen cherries
- ½ cup frozen strawberries
- ½ cup apple juice
- 1 very small shake of cinnamon
- 1 leaf kale
- (optional) 1 tsp hemp oil
- (optional) 1 tsp flax seed oil
- 1 large tbsp greek yogurt
- Mix, blend and enjoy!

Marinated Kale Slaw Salad

* 1 bunch of kale (any variety),
chopped into bite size pieces with rib removed

- * 1 fennel
- * 1 head red cabbage
- * 2 carrots, shredded
- * 1 beet shredded



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points of view

The Death of Olde English

JUST THE OTHER day, we were watching television when a despicable character came on the screen for a moment and did something that made you like him even less.

As he left, Jenn shook her head, but I did what any red-blooded man who lived through the early '70s would have done. That's right, I called him a jive turkey. And, believe me, somewhere out there my old Levis, construction boots and David Bowie haircut nodded in agreement.



Steve Galea
Loon Tales

At first I thought Jenn's silent reaction was one of pure unadulterated shock and admiration – after all, I am not usually so passionate or animated. It was only later that I realized that she was silent because she thought that this phrase represented the early onset of Tourette's syndrome.

"Are you OK?" she eventually said.

"Sure," I replied. "But you've got to admit that dude is a stone-cold jive turkey."

key."

The ensuing conversation confirmed that Jenn, who is not a child of the '70s, had not understood a single word I said. And further discussion showed that she was unfamiliar with any of the more important phrases that got a person through the '80s, such as "What'chu talkin' about Willis?", "dy-no-mite!" and "funky mama." This, despite the fact that she has two university degrees.

Is it any wonder that linguists grieve about the demise of the English language?

Not to sound too old here, but there was a time, not that long ago, when the people of the realm commonly used such phrases. That, of course, was long before the language stopped being ruined by television and started being ruined by the Internet.

There are some who might think there is very little difference but if you were to say that to me I would simply LOL – and, if I understand that phrase correctly, I'd do whatever the L stood for out loud too.

Which leads me to the point I'm trying to make: not everyone understands the new language as well as I do.

Proof of this is that my mother pronounces ROTFL as "rotful" rather than "rotfil" – a modern phrase used on the Internet that I believe describes composting.

What scares me most about all this is the rapid change in our verbal language. It's moving far too fast.

For instance, when I was born, people still used the phrase "boring" as an hip and ironic way to describe any conversation about fly fishing or fly tying. It was a bit of fun with words and what they actually meant was that any conversation about fly fishing or fly tying was anything but boring. That's why they rolled their eyes when they said it.

At least that was easy to understand. Now, people still regard fly fishing and fly tying as incredibly exciting, but they use the word "meh" to describe it. At least that's what Jenn does.

Which is confusing because back when I was a kid, "meh" is what goats said – but only because they couldn't pronounce words like mega-cool or totally awesome to describe fly fishing.

You might think that's no biggie. And I'd agree with you too, once I looked up what that meant. You might even argue that languages change with the times and have been evolving ever since the first cave man said "me ugh."

Heck, you might even tell me that it all made perfect sense. To which I'd respond, "Fo' shizzle, my nizzle."



pic of the past

"The CNR used to run a special passenger train from Toronto to Haliburton on Saturday," writes Gren Schrader, who worked for CNR. "We railway people dubbed it the Holy City." In November 1947, they had a project in Haliburton Railway yard. Three section crews – "Botting-Haliburton," "Smith-Gelert" and "Schrader-Lower Dutch Line" south of Gelert. We replaced all the 16 foot long switch ties in Haliburton yard – which was heavy work removing switch stands-switches etc. Submitted by Gren Schrader.

letters to the editor

Flood woes

To the Editor,

Our devastating flood of 2013 is the direct result of the mismanagement of Parks Canada/TSW. All the feeder lakes were at full capacity at the time when they should have been at their lowest levels. When the snow pack melted and spring rains came there was no place for it to go, therefore creating this unnecessary error for the flood. Any lake not affected by the TSW had no problem (Jim Beef Lake, for example). It's time for the federal government to get to the real reason for this disaster and hold to account those at Parks Canada and TSW responsible. Someone in charge of an important water system is totally incompetent. My profound sympathy to those impacted by this unnecessary flood.

George McCluskey
West Guilford

A1, roads dep't

To the Editor,

All winter we let the roads department know they didn't sand, they didn't salt, they plowed too early, they plowed too late, they didn't plow far enough.

Now it's time to let them know what a truly fantastic job they did in the recent flood emergency. In a totally freak event, it seemed like they were prepared for anything, managed to be everywhere, all at once, with the workers, the equipment and the material to get the massive job done; excellent planning, phenomenal work and mind-blowing efficiency.

Congratulations and deep thanks to everybody involved.

Anne-Marie Borthwic

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points of view

Explaining the Algonquin land claim

The Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) have reached a historic point on our journey of survival, rebuilding and self-sufficiency – a journey of reconciliation – and one that includes reaching out and building relationships with our neighbours within our traditional territory.

This journey began nearly 250 years ago when the first Algonquin petition was submitted to the Crown in 1772.

The Algonquins of Ontario claim includes an area of nine million acres within the watersheds of the Kichissippi (Ottawa River) and the Mattawa River in Ontario. Unlike most other First Nations, the AOO have never had a land surrender treaty with the Crown.

There are currently more than 1.2 million people living and working within

this unceded territory that covers most of eastern Ontario, including the nation's capital.

There are also 85 municipal jurisdictions fully or partially located within the settlement area, including 76 lower and single tier municipalities and nine upper tier counties.

Algonquins have lived in present-day Ontario for thousands of years before Europeans arrived. Today, the AOO are comprised of 10 Algonquin communities.

These include the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation and the Algonquin communities of Antoine, Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini (Bancroft), Bonnechere, Greater Golden Lake, Mattawa/North Bay, Ottawa, Shabot Obaadjiwan

(Sharbot Lake), Snimikobi (Ardoch) and Whitney and Area.

The 10 communities are represented by 16 Algonquin negotiation representatives (ANRs) who are elected by Algonquin voters for three-year terms.

The ANRs include the chief and council of the Algonquins of Pikwàkanagàn First Nation and one representative from each of the nine other Algonquin communities.

Based on a protocol signed in 2004, these communities are working together to provide a unified approach to reach a settlement of the Algonquin land claim.

On Dec. 13, 2012, the preliminary draft agreement-in-principle (AIP) was released. The preliminary draft AIP is a culmination of many years of negotiations between the AOO, Canada and Ontario.

Our negotiations, beginning in 1991, continue to build on the determined efforts of the Algonquin people to be heard. It has been a long journey and it is far from over.

Elements of the preliminary draft AIP serve as key building blocks to: 1) reaffirm the honour and pride of the Algonquin people; 2) ensure the survival and prosperity of the Algonquin people and culture; 3) raise awareness and understanding about Algonquin history and culture; 4) stimulate cultural and economic development opportunities; and 5) achieve reconciliation of the relationships between the AOO and the governments of Canada and Ontario.

As we continue our journey, the Algonquins of Ontario are united in our commitment to achieving a just and equitable settlement of this claim. We look forward to working together as neighbours in the spirit of reconciliation.

This column is the first in a biweekly series providing insights into Algonquin history, the foundation for the land claim, elements of the preliminary draft AIP and next steps in the journey.

The next column will focus on the transfer of funds and the land component of the Preliminary Draft AIP. For more information visit www.tanakiwin.com.

Submitted by Robert Potts, Principal Negotiator and Senior Legal Counsel for the Algonquins of Ontario



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Need better service

To the Editor,

I recently mailed the Ministry of Transport a concern about the Ontario Service Centres. Locally these centres are closed on the weekend so that working folk who wish to transact anything to do with vehicle licensing, other than on a week day, will need to attend the centre in Bobcaygeon or Gravenhurst between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

It's hard to imagine that there wouldn't be

enough activity to justify one of the Haliburton County centres providing service on a Saturday morning. If it is a matter of cost saving, maybe the ministry could consider closing during a week day. The name of the game should surely be service, thereby provide some level of reasonable access to working people.

**Terry Hicks
Haliburton**

Excellent service at Haliburton Family Medical Centre

To the Editor,

My elderly parents were visiting last week and my mother had to see a doctor.

We would like to thank staff for the great service she received at the Haliburton Family Medical Centre.

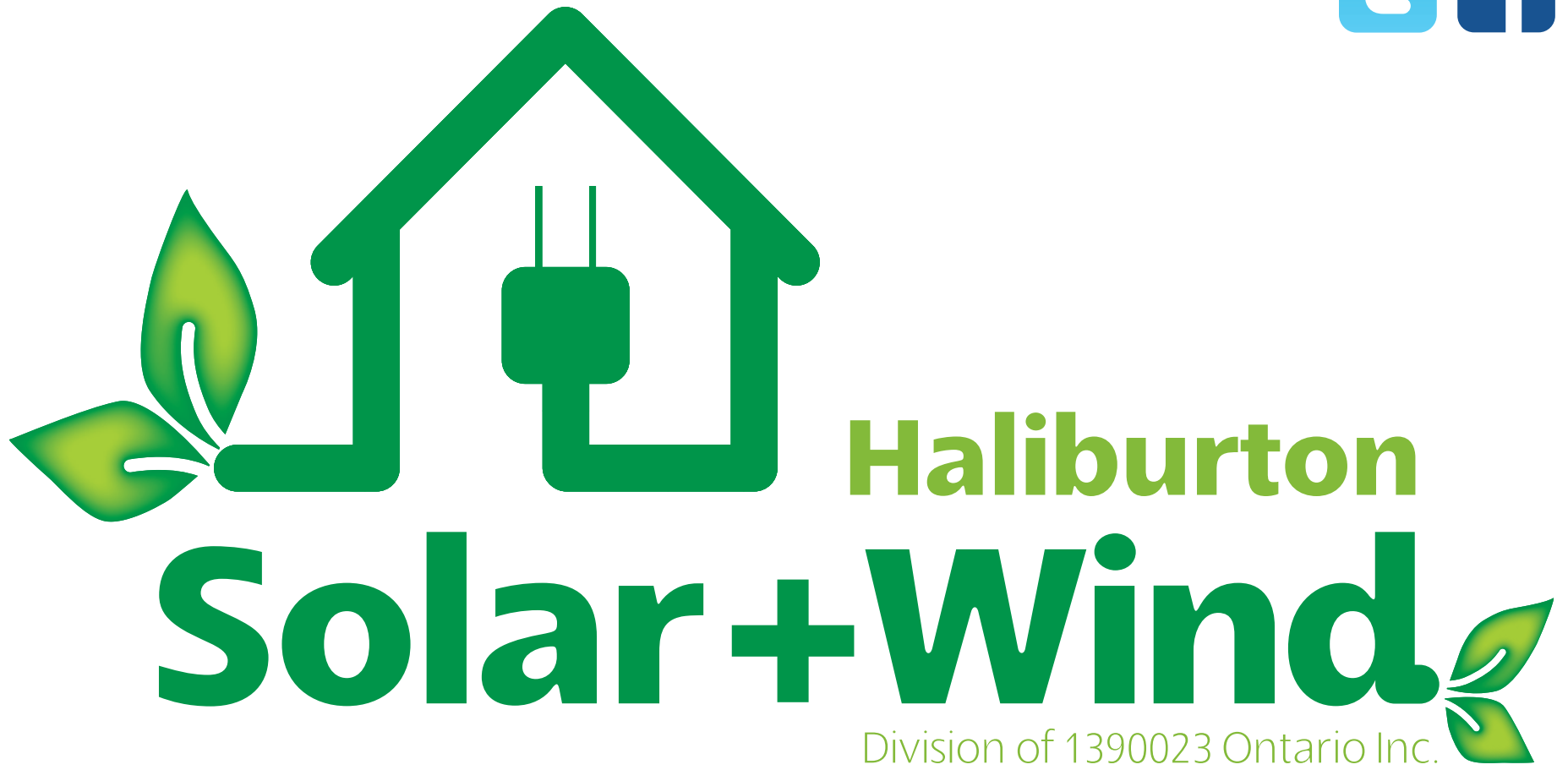
From the receptionist for arranging an

appointment, through nursing and lab staff, to Dr. Hartwick everyone was terrific in resolving the situation.

Many thanks.

**Phil and Patti Harknett
Portage Lake**

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from page 1

Originally opened as a livery, W.R. Curry and Son described itself in its first promotional calendar as offering a garage, livery, storage, boat repair, service station, motor car agency and funerals.

It now offers a more focused array of services including new and used car sales, service, parts, a body shop and towing.

From the beginning, the business was passed down through the family: W.R. to his son Ron, Ron to his son Peter, and then was purchased by Ron's son-in-law Don Popple, Joe Iles, vice-president, and Len Salvatori, secretary treasurer.

Later, a new generation would take up the mantle with Mike Iles taking over Joe's shares and Andy Salvatori taking over from his father.

All three will stay on with the new ownership.

In fact, Campbell says not much is slated to change; the name will remain Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Limited.

"All we want to do is take what we've got here ... and if there's areas to improve on it, improve on it," he said.

Popple said the decision to sell Curry Motors was personal.

"My next birthday I'm going to be 70. We have some things we want to do, my wife [Sheila] and I. I would like to take a little less responsibility," he said.

The former president has committed to stay on for another year and re-evaluate then.

Because Curry Motors is a GM dealer, much of the sale was orchestrated through the parent company.

"The process on selling a dealership like this is controlled through GM. They said they had a candidate, would I consider talking to him," Popple recalls.

He was told Campbell was interested.

"I thought, you know what, he's a guy who's well respected in the car business. We want someone who is going to continue to be a community person and survive and thrive," he said.

The process took many months, with members of the community catching wind of the sale and asking questions. But these things take time, Popple explains.

"I'm fairly happy. The deal took a little longer than we wanted. You're not selling some backyard shop somewhere. In the whole process is that the employees had to be looked after. That was pretty important to me," said Popple, who has been with the company for 38 years.

Campbell said part of what made GM match him with this dealership was his small town background.

"I became the dealer [at Thomas Pontiac] in 1998. I was born and raised in that area, Hastings is where I'm from," he said.

"I started as a salesman in the golden mile in Toronto selling cars and I worked my way up through the ranks," he said, working in Peterborough and Pickering before settling in Cobourg.

In the last decade, Thomas Pontiac was twice in the top 10 of GM dealers in Canada.

That designation came from good customer service, Campbell said, and it's what he admires in Curry Motors.

"I think Don and his family before him and the Curry family must have really done a good job in the community being consistent for so long," he said.

There are tributes to that consistency all over the Curry Motors sales office.

Artifacts from the company's earliest days adorn the walls, including a clipping from a GM magazine featuring Raymond Scott's '29 Chev.

"The dark green beauty was purchased from Curry Motors on April 15, 1929," the passage reads. "Curry Motors sold 52 1929 Chevrolets."

That car became well-known in town, joining the Rotary Club parade every summer.

Consistency also got the company through tough dec-



Jenn Watt Staff

Bill Campbell, left, new dealer-principal of Curry Motors Ltd., stands with past president Don Popple in the showroom in Haliburton on May 10. Campbell recently took over the business, which has been in operation in Haliburton for 90 years. Popple will stay on for another year, while the rest of the staff will continue as usual.



In 1948-49, Curry Motors built a new garage/dealership at the corner of Highland Street and Maple Avenue where the Rexall pharmacy is today. In 2006, Curry Motors moved to County Road 21. Photo courtesy of the Haliburton Highlands Museum

ades including the Great Depression and Second World War.

"Through the Depression years, the company held its own and even managed to grow despite the hard times that gripped the nation," a special on Curry Motors in the *Haliburton Echo* in 1988 reads.

"The biggest blow came in the Second World War years when gasoline was rationed and the sale of new cars was suspended."

But soon after the war, the company was growing again.

In 1949, Curry Motors built a new facility at the corner of Highland Street and Maple Avenue where Rexall sits today.

"This new modern wonderland is the finest garage that we have ever had the pleasure of seeing and when you view this fine new edifice we know that you will agree with us when we say that you will travel far before you see its like," wrote Lindsay-based *The Highland News* on March 10, 1949.

They occupied that space until 2006, when they bought

the lot they currently occupy beside Independent Grocers.

"I came here in '75 and in '73 they bought the auto body shop where the Independent is," Popple says. "We bought Bruce's Body Shop after selling to Independent. In 2006, we built this place and sold the corner [lot in Haliburton]."

Now it is time to move on to other things, Popple says, and welcome a new family to the fold.

Campbell has three children: Lara, 23, Rory, 19, and Cole, 17. His wife, Julie, is from Roseneath and was trained as a dental hygienist.

He said members of the community can expect to see him around town, maybe catching a hockey game at McKicks or playing golf.

Ultimately, Popple says, the business is all about service – and continuing on the tradition started 90 years ago.

"You've got to treat people the way you'd like to be treated," he says. "The car business is competitive now ... you've got to be pretty competitive in what you do. If you get too greedy the person walks down the street."

Glebe Park work angers residents

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Some recreation users are shocked at the look of Glebe Park in light of work being performed there as part of the Glebe Park Stewardship Plan to manage the forest.

A small group of residents led by Peter Bower met at the museum to see the felled trees behind the open area this past Saturday.

They expressed disappointment and surprise at what they saw: trees strewn about and lying on the park floor, sometimes interlaced, sometimes in rows. All of them thought it resembled the aftermath of a windstorm or twister. Nothing like they're used to seeing at the 148-acre park purchased by Dysart in 1968. The park is located north of Haliburton Village with Fleming College and the Sculpture Forest to the south.

Bower brought attention to the work through images he took on Monday, May 6. He sent the images to other residents through email, who were angry about what they saw.

The resident for the past 14 years is in disbelief about how things look and believes it's a step back for any kind of tourist opportunities with the long weekend and spring coming.

"These trees ... there have been so many of them cut and they look so terrible. That's my concern," he said, adding people should see the trees for themselves.

The money for this work could have been applied to trail maintenance or anything else to beautify the park, he said. The plan estimates the work will cost a little more than \$11,000.

Jim Blake, chairperson of the Glebe Park Committee that manages the park and oversaw the stewardship plan defended the work as "in progress."

In light of the complaints, he visited the site with Peter McElwain of Forest Design Consulting, who is marking the dangerous and diseased trees in the forest for felling, this past Saturday.

"The project is all about safety and forest health. The result will be much safer trails and a much healthier forest but there will also be a fair number of felled trees on the forest floor," he wrote in an email. "These are being left in place to biodegrade into future forest nutrients. Although this process may appear 'messy' to the human eye it is good for the health of the forest and beneficial for wildlife habitat. It also means no damage to the ski trails from machinery hauling logs out of the forest."

McElwain was lead consultant for the stewardship plan in association with Paul and Irene Heaven of Glenside Ecological Services, who provided "expertise in regard to wildlife habitat and ecological value analysis, species at risk assessments and GIS mapping."

He said half of the work is complete and reminds the public the work will continue for the rest of the month.

"When it is done they will make sure that all logs/felled trees are removed from the edge of the ski trails, that drainage ditches are clear and that tree crowns of felled trees within 25 metres of the trail have been cut down to two to three feet," he said.

The trees will remain on the ground for the biodegrading process. Unlike Nordic trails, many mountain bike trails



Darren Lum Staff

Peter Bowers, centre, was shocked at the work in Glebe Park and invited other concerned residents to see the felled trees this past Saturday. This is part of the forest management work outlined in the Glebe Park Stewardship Plan.

will be affected. Blake said Haliburton Highlands Mountain Bike Club representatives are aware and prepared to clear blocked trails. Work is being performed on weekdays so the public needs to be aware of the danger.

There was a public meeting in September 2012 and the plan was part of the Glebe Park committee's work that includes representatives from nine separate stakeholder organizations: Halbiem Neighbourhood Association, Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, Haliburton Highlands Museum, Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network, Haliburton Nordic Trails Association (HNTA), Haliburton Sculpture Forest, Head Lake Trail Committee, Municipality of Dysart and Fleming College.

Mike Armstrong, a fulltime resident and a HNTA board member sat in plan meetings and from what was outlined and discussed, never envisioned what has come to pass. It was the number of trees and the scope that bothered him.

John Maconachie, who is a seasonal resident, but is planning on retiring here with his wife doesn't buy the rationale this is purely for the health of the forest.

"The park is for people to walk through and say, 'this is really nice. I want to come back here. I want to live here.' Now they're going to say, 'I guess this park is going to get lumbered out.' No one would ever convince me that this is healthy for the forest."

A pair of dead trees in front of the Reid House, located beside the museum, are marked in orange. The group wondered if safety was such a concern why didn't these trees get cut first? They all thought that forests take care of themselves, so why not here?

Registered professional forester, Peter Hynard, who examined the photos circulated by Bower and read over the plan, said he is "impressed with the far-sightedness of the municipality in acquiring the property, with the cohesiveness of the committee in coming to agreement, with the quality of the plan and with what appears from the photos to be a proper implementation."

Hynard has close to 43 years of experience in the county. His experience includes stakeholder mediation, facilitation and arbitration with the Ministry of Natural Resources in forest management on Crown land for 33 years.

He said McElwain and Heaven have "good reputations" and described the plan as "very thorough." As for the timing of the work, he refers to the plan that says there is an improvement of visibility for tree assessment without foliage. Margin of error is reduced, it adds.

Hynard recognizes the municipality is ever-conscious of liability, as outlined by the Occupier's Liability Act, which sets the standards of care that a landowner must show toward people who come on his/her property, but knows the likelihood of a tree falling on someone is remote.

"I've been [walking in the woods] my entire professional life and I've never been hit by a falling tree. I've never heard of anyone being hit by a spontaneously falling tree. We've all had our close calls, but a one-ton tree crashing down even 50 metres away seems like a close call," he wrote.

When it comes to what constitutes a hazardous tree there are many attributes to consider.

They can include features or aspects related to health and

disease. This could be size, lean, direction of lean, degree and nature of heart-rot, root-rot, split forks, species vulnerability, top die-back and certain pre-disposing infections like Nectria and Eutypella cankers, including wide-spreading sugar maple borer wounds.

He adds falling trees are not usually caused by poor health and disease so much as poor structure.

Determining the quality of this kind of work, he said, isn't easy.

The Ontario Tree Markers Guide sets out what constitutes acceptable quality of tree marking work and that allows for 10 per cent variance from prescription.

"It's hard to keep everyone happy, especially when it comes to change in the forest. But, let's face it: the hazards are gone now, and time and green-up will slowly erase the scars. It will take five to 10 years, though, for all traces of it to be gone," he wrote.

Leaving the woods, Bower left the group and walked over and read the posted backgrounder sheet (www.dysart.ca/uncategorized/glebe-park-forest-stand-improvement-u) that was posted near the entrances of the park by a municipal employee that morning.

"You read this you don't get the impression of what's going to happen," he said.

Note: see stewardship plan at www.dysart.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/Stewardship-Plan.pdf

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Local publisher releases two art books

Jenn Watt
Editor

Without really planning to, Harcourt graphic designer Andrea Hillo became a book publisher.

Set to release her fifth book in three years this June, Hillo has found a niche in small book projects, particularly in the art world. "I feel like it's my mission to show people good art," Hillo said over a cup of tea in Haliburton May 9.

The designer behind the company "aDesign" has proofs of her latest book strewn all over the table at Momma G's Teas. In

a few days they will be sent to press, returning as a full-colour coffee-table book *The Artists of Muskoka*.

Last summer she released a similar volume, *The Artists of Algonquin*. The book features 34 artists' work stretching from Lake of Bays to Parry Sound including paintings and photography. Artists participating in the project include Danielle West, David Dawson, Roxanne Driedger, R. W. Haviland and Dale Durnan.

The process of creating the book introduced Hillo to artists she had never before met or heard of and gave her the privileged position of visiting their homes and studios.

It also introduced her to some big names in the area, includ-

ing Mendelson Joe, Robert Bateman and Roy McGregor.

Bateman wrote the foreword to the Algonquin book, while McGregor wrote the passage for Muskoka.

Calling *The Artists of Muskoka* "much-welcomed," *The Globe and Mail* columnist and renowned author says Muskoka was always meant to be painted, despite early attempts to develop it as farmland.

Mendelson Joe called the work "an earthy smorgasbord of imagery" in his "last word" in *The Artists*.

It was through Joe that Hillo made the connection with the artist behind her other recent release: *The Art of Ludmila*.

Ludmila Ilna, who has a PhD in geography, was convicted of killing her husband, Ted Mieczkowski, in Winnipeg and was sent to prison. The case received wide media attention, but also the attention of the Innocence Project out of York University, which is arguing that Ilna was wrongfully convicted.

A program on CBC TV's *The Fifth Estate* documented the Innocence Project's work on Ilna's case, which Mendelson Joe saw.

Joe and Ilna got to know one another and he made the connection with Hillo.

During her time in prison, Ilna learned to paint – producing hundreds of wildlife scenes, many of which appear in the book.

"Dr. Ludmila has been enamoured and obsessed with the natural world since she was a child. It's ironic she discovered her gift to depict Nature's many and diverse beings late in life. Behold the paintings of Dr. Ludmila, self-taught artist," Joe writes in the front of her book.

Her paintings are colourful and bright with a sweetness to them that comes from the simplicity of the subject matter – the work entitled "Locust," for example, is of a lone locust perched on a branch with a deep blue background.

Ilna is on parole living in Kingston. In making the book, Hillo said she became close with the artist, whom she calls "gentle" and very smart.

Both of Hillo's recent publications will be available in Haliburton over the summer, though the locations haven't yet been finalized.

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Graphic designer Andrea Hillo chats over tea at Momma G's in Haliburton May 9. She has just released a new book, *The Art of Ludmila*.

Land between app guides visitors to the Highlands



Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Land Between is looking to promote its new mobile app and, in the process, the Haliburton Highlands. Leora Berman, executive director of The Land Between visited members of the county's tourism committee during their May 8 meeting.

"Our mandate is to instill a sense of place and pride in this landscape," Berman said, explaining a bit about her organization and the unique natural and geological features of the county. The application, called The Land Between, can be downloaded free from Apple's app store.

"This app actually unlocks virtual media," Berman said. "This app talks to you. You have a virtual tour guide."

Among its features, the app brings up segments from a documentary produced by The Land Between, informing users about some of the county's unique historical and ecological spots. "If you're at the log chute, it will bring up the segment on the log chute," Berman said.

The Land Between is working on promotion and Berman said her hope is to "explode marketing on this app throughout the region."

She received \$10,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

"I'm here to ask you for more money," she told councillors, added she was hoping for an amount between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Before September, Berman also hopes to identify and write scripts for another 20 interesting sites.

Lake Kashagawigamog, for example, was the site of a drawn-out war between rival First Nations groups.

The county has set its budget for the year and Warden Carol Moffatt has been pushing for a process to be established to deal with one-off financial requests such as Berman's. For now, the request has been sent to the finance committee. Berman said she would not require the funding before March of 2014, which means the money could be included in the county's budget for next year. Berman said the app has been downloaded in countries as far away as China and Japan.

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Leora Berman of The Land Between explains her new mobile app to members of the county's tourism committee on May 8.

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Commanding officer reflects on command, ponders next step

➤ Cameron McKenzie retires after 18 years on job

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The position was a lot of work, but it had its rewards, says the 1129 Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corp commanding officer.

Captain Cameron McKenzie of Cardiff is stepping down from his post upon completion of his term and pondering leaving the cadets after an 18-year commitment.

"Occasionally, we have cadets come back and that's very rewarding. What's even more rewarding is having the parents come and thanking us for what we've done for their children," he said.

McKenzie feels he was a part of making lives better.

"We've had youth there who could have went down the wrong road in life and because they either had an interest in the military or in cadets, they stayed in school and carried on down the right road," he said.

Although the cadets' end goal is not to create soldiers, but good citizens, McKenzie said a handful of cadets did move on to the military.

"But the ones who have gone on at least at the start of their careers have found it easier to convert from being a civilian to military lifestyle because of what they have learned," he said. "And not because they know how to march, who to address as sir or to salute, it's just [understanding] the military way of doing things."

McKenzie started with the cadets as a volunteer. This was rooted in his desire to be closer to his son. Although his son left, Cameron stayed on. It's something common with instructors, he said.

"The staff are there for more than their own," he said.

His son is now a member of the Canadian Forces in Kingston.

McKenzie likens his commanding officer role to a principal of a school; he didn't always get to work with cadets closely. However, he always enjoyed



Capt. Cameron McKenzie, commanding officer with the local Army Cadets, is congratulated by MP Barry Devolin after receiving a Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal on June 16, 2012. He recently retired from his position. /File photo

teaching them.

The Remembrance Day ceremony and the graduation ceremony, where the cadets are "on parade," is something he appreciates.

The Cardiff resident was a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in 2012. It recognized his volunteer efforts with the cadets, the reserves and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129. He has been a Legion member for 12 years.

McKenzie will turn 65 in June will no longer be a reservist. He took over the commanding officer position from Dan Collins. He has not yet decided whether

he'll stay on as a volunteer.

Karin Aschenbrenner took over as commanding officer.

"I think she is doing a great job," he said.

He credits the local Legion for the very existence of the cadets - it provides the building and financial help.

"If it weren't for them there wouldn't be a cadet corps," he said.

Personally, McKenzie is proud of becoming a commissioned officer in the Canadian Forces, getting to learn about the military and visit most of the training bases in southern Ontario.

"Those are things I have found interest-

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If it weren't for [the legion] there wouldn't be a cadet corps.

— Cameron McKenzie

ing and I never would have had the access to do things if it hadn't been for the cadet program and being an instructor there," he said.

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EMS will use lessons from flood

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

County EMS director says the Minden flood will inform county emergency management training moving forward. "The Minden flood is the first long-term emergency that I've been involved with," Kennedy told councillors on the county's EMS committee, adding that although his department played largely a supporting role, valuable information had been gleaned. "We'll use a lot of the lessons learned."

Kennedy gave councillors some departmental updates,

including its transition to the use of electronic time sheets. The time sheet system that has been used can involve two, sometimes three, sheets per employee. "It takes us half a day Monday to do a time sheet review," Kennedy said.

Another improvement will be the use of swipe cards, as opposed to a punch-code, for security purposes at EMS facilities. "That way if an employee leaves, we just delete their access," Kennedy said.

There has been a call volume increase of 22 per cent over this time last year. Kennedy said the City of Kawartha Lakes has started deferring calls to other counties when it is down

to its minimum coverage level. This has meant more trips for Haliburton EMS to places like the area north of Bobcaygeon, Kennedy said.

The director said he has an upcoming meeting with CKL EMS where he wants to discuss the issue. While the county was never able to regularly meet response teams mandated by the province, and while a new system allows the county to set its own response standards, Kennedy said with the extra vehicles his department has on the road, the county is now meeting those provincial standards.

"We no longer report on that, but it's good to know," he said.

MP calling for review of TSW actions in Minden flood

MP Barry Devolin is asking the minister of the environment to do a review of how the Trent Severn Waterway handled the water flow in the Gull and Burnt Rivers in the time before, during and after the flood that overwhelmed Minden and many lakes beginning April 19.

In a press release May 10, Devolin says there are many questions in the community about the culpability of the TSW in what ended up being a three-week flood.

"I spoke with [environment] minister [Peter] Kent at great length yesterday and asked for an in-depth review of what happened," Devolin said.

"Let's learn what we can so that a flood of this magnitude does not happen again, or if it does, that we'll be as ready as possible so that damage is minimized."

Many are pointing fingers at the TSW because of the length

of the flood. While other watersheds rose and fell after about 75 mm of rain fell in mid-April, the Gull River remained flooded for weeks.

"[M]any people in the village of Minden cannot understand why flood waters have lingered for more than three weeks while water levels in other places have long since receded," Devolin said.

The MP added his voice to that of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, who has called for a review and overhaul of Ontario's disaster relief program. That program asks communities affected by a disaster to fundraise their own relief money before dollars will flow from provincial coffers. Devolin pointed out that federal funding has no such requirement and called it "unacceptable" that Ontario would ask such a small community to do its own fundraising.

MH application estimates \$4 million in private damages

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills's application to the Ontario Disaster Assistance Relief Fund includes combined estimates of nearly \$5 million of public and private damage due to the Minden flood.

At a May 9 meeting, Minden Hills chief administrative officer Nancy Wright-Laking said the township is estimating more than \$3.9 million in damage to private homes that are eligible for ODRAP.

"We're thinking that this will be substantially more as other people come forward," Wright-Laking said.

There is room for flexibility with the numbers.

Under the private portion of ODRAP, the province will provide funding up to a ratio of two-to-one for every dollar raised by the township. That means, with two-to-one funding from the province, the community will need to raise approximately \$1.3 million to help flood victims fix their homes.

There have been 126 registered claims under the program's private portion so far.

"We were very challenged in putting all this information together in a very short time period," Wright-Laking said, adding that some residents still cannot access their homes.

ODRAP covers up to 90 per cent of essential property damage to primary residences, meaning structural damage and essential furnishings and appliances.

It does not cover outbuildings or landscaping features, nor does it cover cottages. Secondary residences do not qualify for relief funding and the municipal estimate does not include damage to cottages. The township is compensated directly by the province for up to 100 per cent of its

damages and costs associated with the flood.

As of Thursday, Wright-Laking said those costs were approximately \$770,000.

Sixty-five municipal roads have been affected by flooding and the CAO said another 17 that were damaged may or may not be owned by the township, something staff are looking into. Because of the widespread damage to roads, councillors passed a resolution requesting the province declare the entire township of Minden Hills a disaster area.

Council must still establish a disaster relief committee (DRC), which will be responsible for overseeing fundraising for the municipal trust and reviewing private claims.

Appointed by council, it may not contain township councillors or claimants of the program, and must include a minimum of five individuals. It becomes a body autonomous from council.

"We will be coming forward with the names of individuals in the future," Wright-Laking said.

Thursday was the township's deadline for the ODRAP application.

As of Thursday, the community had raised \$72,000 for the municipal trust fund, Reeve Barb Reid said.

Reid received donations of \$10,000 from the Minden Kin Club, \$1,000 from Minden Pharmasave, \$3,500 from the local chapter of Ducks Unlimited Canada, \$5,000 from TD Bank and \$1,000 from the Soyars Lake association.


Numerous other individuals and groups have given to the cause and Reid said the township will be receiving a \$25,000 contribution from Orillia Power Generation next week.

In the meantime, MPP Laurie Scott has been calling ODRAP outdated, noting that it will be very difficult for Minden Hills to raise the funds it needs.

Yesterday in Queen's Park, Scott tabled a motion calling for a full, formal review of the program.

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Jake van Luik-Brohman, 4, of Haliburton submits his guess for the candy guessing contest at the Fun Day with Point in Time event at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton on Saturday, May 11. The event, which corresponds to Children's Mental Health Week, offered activities such as making beaded jewellery and sack races, and a free barbecue for participants. This was possible because of the Haliburton Youth Engagement Team and staff from Point in Time Centre for Children, youth and parents.



Reflected in a mirror, Olivia Fitzell, 3, left, looks over at her sister Emily, 6, of Minden gets her face painted at the Fun Day with Point in Time event at the Rails End Gallery in Haliburton on Saturday, May 11.

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Zumba for kids

Counter clockwise, Zumba/Zumb toning participants move to the music for Food for Kids Fitness Challenge Day at the Haliburton Dance Academy on Saturday, May 11. The challenge offered several exercise classes (spinning, urban poling, piloxing, praise moves, zumba/zumba toning and yoga stretching) and accepted donations to fund the Food for Kids in Haliburton County program. Participating locations included Haliburton Indoor Cycling and Haliburton Dance Academy. The raised more than \$1,100.

The feet were moving in the zumba class.

Suzanne Haedicke smiles while leading a zumba class

Darren Lum Staff



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Invasive species to watch for

Jenn Watt
Editor

The first long weekend of cottage season means renewed activities in the forest and lakes of the Haliburton Highlands. Coupled with the fun of getting out in the wilderness is the very real threat of spreading invasive species. The *Echo* contacted Graham Cameron and Sam Itani of the local Ministry of Natural Resources office about which species to look out for and how to help stop the spread.

Q: Which invasive species (plants and animals) do you think are the biggest threat in the Haliburton area right now?

A: European common reed (*phragmites australis ssp australis*), dog strangling vine, Japanese knotweed, rusty crayfish, spiny water flea, zebra mussel.

Q: What are the dangers if the species listed above do make their way here?

A: The species are already here, and are causing real ecological damage. Biodiversity, or all the many different types of living things, is extremely important to ecosystem function. Biodiversity is a collection of true survivors and the result of millions of years of evolution. Species we have today are survivors of countless hardships. Invasive species come from elsewhere, and our species are not evolved to compete. So they quickly take over, reducing the variety of living things, and that makes the whole ecosystem vulnerable to disease, pests,

and changes in structure resulting in extirpation and extinctions.

Q: Are invasives always a bad thing?

A: Yes. Native ecosystems, functioning with all the original pieces intact are best suited to withstand adversity from changing climate, pests, and disease.

Q: What can cottagers and visitors to the county do to avoid these species?

A: The biggest thing is to take steps to make sure planning authorities place importance on prevention and eradication. Second, use native vegetation in landscaping. Third, wash down equipment that may be contaminated when moving from one body of water to another, or one location to another. Remove all debris, mud, weeds, plant parts according to the OIPC protocol.

Q: What work is being done by the MNR or other organizations to spread the word?

A: The Ontario Invasive Plant Council and the Invasive Species Centre are leading actions to prevent and eradicate invasive species. Locally we will be sharing information with relevant organizations (OPP, Ontario Hydro, ATV clubs, industry, municipalities, etc.) re. the newly released Clean Equipment Protocol for Industry (Ontario Invasive Plant Council is the keeper of the protocol).

Q: Does the MNR do work to eliminate the species after they've made their way here?

A: Only in a very few certain circumstances, where a small patch of phragmites has taken

hold, have we attempted to eradicate the species. Mostly we work to prevent spread and

educate about the importance of native species composition.



Jennifer Schleich Special to the Echo

Phragmites, or common reed, is an invasive species which aggressively takes over space formerly occupied by native plants.



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Local invasive species

Phragmites

Lowers water levels due to its high water consumption, crowds out native plants and is a fire hazard with its dead stalks. Complicating identification is a native phragmites, which isn't a problem. Invasive phragmites differs from the native plant in that it is dense (200 stems per square metre), grows about five metres tall and pushes out other species. The native plant will usually be seen mixed with other plants and is usually not as dense.

Dog strangling vine

Originally from Europe, the plant spreads quickly, crowding out native plant species. It is toxic to livestock and endangers monarch butterfly reproduction.

Japanese knotweed

Often confused for bamboo, the Asian species has a vast root network and woody texture. Roots have been known to break through hard surfaces such as concrete. Squeezes out native species and is extremely hardy.

Rusty crayfish

From the Ohio river, rusty crayfish outcompete native species for food, are less likely to be eaten and eat more

vegetation themselves. To prevent spread, Ontario prohibits crayfish from being transported alive or dead. To distinguish rusty crayfish from native ones, note: "None of these [native] species have a pinched rostrum, black claw bands, or rusty patches on the shell," InvadingSpecies.com says.

Spiny water flea

The spiny water flea is a type of zooplankton, too small to identify without a microscope. It eats native zooplankton and can quickly multiply. "Spiny waterflea introductions result in an average 30 to 40 per cent decline in native populations of zooplankton," the InvadingSpecies.com website says. To stop the spread, make sure you wash your boat, fishing equipment or let dry in the sun for at least five days before moving between water bodies. Empty all water from motor, live wells, etc., between lakes.

The Ontario government and Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters has created InvadingSpecies.com, an excellent resource for learning about and identifying invasive species in Ontario. You can also submit sightings of invasive species through this site or by calling 1-800-563-7711.

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HPA unites performance presenters

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands. Over the next few months, the Haliburton Echo/Minden Times will feature a series of articles that will highlight the organization's successes and the development of the arts in the Highlands. Enjoy!

It doesn't seem like a week goes by where there isn't a live concert, play or dance recital taking place on a stage in the Highlands.

With a number of organizations involved in putting on these performances, there's no doubt that this sector of the local arts scene has grown to achieve great success.

In 2009, the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands along with some of its supporters began to look at ways to unite these presenters in a way that would further enhance the already popular performing arts sector.

"Over the course of a number of conversations, Jack [Brezina] and Sean [Pennylegion] continued to return to the fact that there are more than just a few performing arts presenters in the Highlands, and they thought there would be interest in getting together to communicate and share," said Lesley English, former chairwoman of Highlands Performing Arts (HPA).

Formerly known as the Performing Arts Roundtable, the group consisted of arts stakeholders – both organizations and individuals – from the area.

"The idea was to explore the advantages of performing arts stakeholders' co-operation in marketing, and as a venue for shar-

ing information and perhaps rationalizing calendars," said English. "The Arts Council looked at it as a possible way of improving their service to group members, with the possibility of developing a service template that could be applied to the heritage sector as well."

In 2011, the group morphed into the HPA and its membership had been streamlined to include dues-paying representatives from all of the major performing arts presenters. That same year the group received funding to develop a website and logo, which was part of the rebranding process.

"It was felt that something a little easier to remember would work best," said English, who is also past chairwoman of the Arts Council.

The HPA's website features sections on each of the performing arts categories – music, the-



A blend of Latin jazz and world music echoed through the Highlands as Amanda Martinez played at the Forest Festival last year. Photo submitted.

atre, dance and film. According to English, it's planted the seeds for creating a network among performing arts presenters, producers and creators.

Recently, the HPA formed a subgroup to organize a four-day event in April, 2014 known as the Symposium for the Performing Arts in Rural Communities. The committee has been busy securing funding and booking venues for the event.

"The purpose of this four-day symposium is to bring together producers, creators and presenters from across central Ontario and beyond to share knowledge and experience about the challenges and

advantages, as well as how to grow and sustain the performing arts in a rural setting."

In addition to workshops and presenta-

tions, the April 24 to 27 event will feature performances. English says it will be the first event of its kind in Canada to focus on the challenges faced by those in the performing arts in rural Ontario.

"It will provide a dynamic forum to address issues of sustainability, attracting new audiences, creative approaches to cultural tourism and look at ways for rural communities to share knowledge and resources."

English and the committee strongly believe that the performing arts sector is an integral part of tourism in the Highlands.

"All those involved feel that the performing arts in the Highlands is a significant aspect of our cultural reputation and expect that with appropriate support will make us a destination for a wide variety of entertainment."

With the event less than a year away, organizers are looking for volunteers to help out in a number of areas.

"At our last meeting we identified marketing, programming, hospitality and fundraising as some of the areas where we will be looking for help."

To date, the HPA has received support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's Cultural Strategic Investment Fund.

To learn more about HPA and the future symposium visit www.highlandsp Performing Arts.ca.

Submitted by the Arts Council-Haliburton Highlands

Fleming College students art join Group of Seven, tour province

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

They may not be typical college students, but the opportunity to exhibit with the best doesn't diminish their enthusiasm.

Eighteen pieces of art completed last year by students in the Contemporary Landscape Program (Advanced-Level II) at the Haliburton School of the Arts/Sir Sandford Fleming College was exhibited at the prestigious McMichael Canadian Art Collection art gallery in Kleinburg for the month of April.

This is part of the Progressions II Exhibition that toured the province starting in Kleinburg to the Gallery in the Garden in Etobicoke and to the Haliburton School of the Arts Fleming College. Two more locations left in the tour include the Romni Goodwood Arts Center in Goodwood and Neilson Park Creative Centre in Etobicoke. This is possible because of the co-operative relationship between the college and the gallery.

One of the exhibiting artists Janice Ykema of Hamilton has been painting for six years.

Her face lit up when asked about her inclusion to the tour that travels the province.

Ykema said she was inspired to put forth a greater effort at getting her work out and before the program didn't think



Darren Lum Staff

A sample of the work from Haliburton School of the Arts students on the Progressions II Exhibition tour that included a stop at the prestigious McMichael Canadian Art Collection art gallery in April. Susan Dain's semi-abstract acrylic painting *Boathouse View*, left, Victoria Pearce's semi-abstract acrylic painting *Haliburton Rush* and Diane Gartlam semi-abstract acrylic painting *The Village*.

her work would have been exhibited at the McMichael, except for years in the future.

"It is quite an honour as an artist to present yourself with other artists of the same calibre," she said.

The body of work from the college included oils, acrylics and mixed media representing styles such as semi-abstract and representational.

Mentor and instructor to the students John Leonard, who has worked at the college for 43 years, believes this tour not only gives recognition and honours the artists, but is a promotional vehicle for the college

and the McMichael.

As far as he knows, Leonard said this is the first time the gallery has exhibited work of students that had taken a course at the gallery.

"That's just never happened before. The people at the gallery were so impressed with the artists and the quality of their work they offered the show," he said.

He said he doesn't have students so much as artists, as they are quite accomplished and proficient in art. The participants are juried before they are enrolled. The application includes a biography, artistic track

record, including education and exhibitions.

Each of them come not to learn a particular skill like other college courses, but come to find themselves as artists and discover their own creative path.

The instructor for the entire seven years of the program stresses the mentor role more than anything, likening his function to a guide through the dark.

"Sort of like a candle to help them show their way [in the dark]," he said, referring to a Buddhist saying about how a candle is all that is needed to find your way in the dark.



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Marking time

Walking softly column and photo by Steve Galea

Beyond the trees the river spills abruptly over the dam, crashes and tumbles down the rocky steps and spills hastily into the tail-out below. The water is high and fast and the fishing is less than stellar.

So we sit on the bank, three friends from different parts of the province, and have lunch.

We're on dry land but even here, the river holds sway.

The rumbling water makes you speak a little louder or not at all. You choose your words carefully, but mostly you just take it all in and realize that it has been far too long since the last visit. And you come to understand that while we have aged, this place has remained constant.

The rocks have not perceptibly weathered; the trees have not grown so high as to be beyond recognition; the sky above looks the same. And somewhere below the whitewater, brook trout hug bottom and lie in wait, just as they always have. We've hooked a few but none made it as far as the net. Now, as we sit by the water, that doesn't seem to matter.

It's enough to be here on a warm spring day. The river's roar, soothing and ever-present, is a constant reminder of the things that are timeless. And it speaks, but in an ancient voice does not tell a story so much as proclaim a simple truth. It says the river goes on.

It goes on past the white suckers, as they do their age-old spawning dance,

half a mile downstream. It goes on past mergansers that hunt minnows in the shallows. It goes on and caresses countless rocks and stones and glides over an unimaginable array of incredible aquatic life. It goes on past the old native arrowheads and spear points that will forever remain lost somewhere along its shores. It goes on beneath the warblers and chickadees that flit through the bordering woodlands. It goes on relentlessly and without regard; it never really changes. And that is reassuring. We watch all this as the nearby tap-tap-tap of a black-backed woodpecker marks time in a way no clock ever could. We admire it, then we discuss the flies we'll use and the casting positions we'll wade to after lunch should the river be so gracious as to permit it. And we talk about the fish we have caught here and the ones we never will and how life, like the river, passes all too fast.

And, as we laugh and smile, I cannot help but think that when medicine finally advances to the point where it looks to nature for a bit of help, doctors will one day prescribe a day at the river with fly rod in hand – maybe two should stress



A black-backed woodpecker marks time in a way no clock ever could.

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And a good practitioner will advise the patient to leave their worries, woes and watches at home. So long as the river and a black-backed woodpecker is near, you won't need them.

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Fraenzi Morissette took this photo of a chipping sparrow perched in a tree near Benoir Lake, Highlands East, on April 20.



Three bufflehead ducks enjoyed the waters of Benoir Lake on April 20. Photo by Fraenzi Morissette.

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Tell your stories at the town dock

Story by Janet Trull

Haliburton is peopled with story-tellers and star-gazers, entrepreneurs and artists who understand that time moves a little slower here. That's why we tell our stories at the town dock, where the gentle echoes of the past lap at our collective memories like the ghostly passing of a canoe in the mist.

Do you have a story about the past that we can share? A love story? A mystery? A wild tale that has taken on mythical status over the years? Email your memories to me at haliburtonlake@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 705-754-0605. Be sure to include your phone number so I can call you and get the juicy details!

How local are you?

When someone from Haliburton County tells you they are local, it means more than a mailing address. People can be local on a lot of different levels, of course. There's local and then there's local. Local means that you have a deep, deep connection to this rugged landscape in summer when the lakes are waiting around every curve in the road. It means you love it in the winter when it is hushed and white with snow. But if you're local, you have put in your time



The town dock is a great place to tell stories. Contact us with your best ones.

in the lonely months when the wolf pack is howling close to the back door and the freezing rain is pounding on the porch roof. Haliburton locals have the kind of stamina that you just don't find in too many places. They have invested their souls in this county.

So if you're up to it, you can take a little quiz called, How Local are YOU?

1) Your grandparents and great-grandparents are resting in the Evergreen cemetery... or one of the little pioneer

cemeteries around the county like Gelert or Deer Lake. 10 points

2) Your mom was a cook at a lumber camp. 10 points

3) You went to school on one of LaRue's buses, and in the winter you were ready to hop out and help push the thing up an icy hill. 10 points

4) Your parents met at Medley's Dance and Bowl, or the Golden Slipper, or the Rockcliff Hotel, and you never hear the end of how much fun they had in the

good old days. 10 points

5) Someone in your family tree was a Sisson, a Curry, or a Stamp. 10 points

6) You remember Dr. Carroll who delivered babies with a cigar in his mouth, and Doc Good who occasionally provided veterinary services (if you didn't mind going around to the back door). 10 points

7) You have filled your quota of sitting on icy outhouse seats and emptying thunder-mugs from under the bed. 10 points

8) You have invented your share of stories and told them at the Liar's Club, and you have at least one legend that folks tell about you (from your wild days). 10 points

9) Your life's greatest successes and heartbreaks happened right here in Haliburton County. 10 points

10) You have driven recklessly across the Allsaw flats, jumped into the lake from a poorly designed rope swing, bought a ticket for the Rotary Carnival car, or gotten yourself lost in the Blairhampton triangle. 10 points

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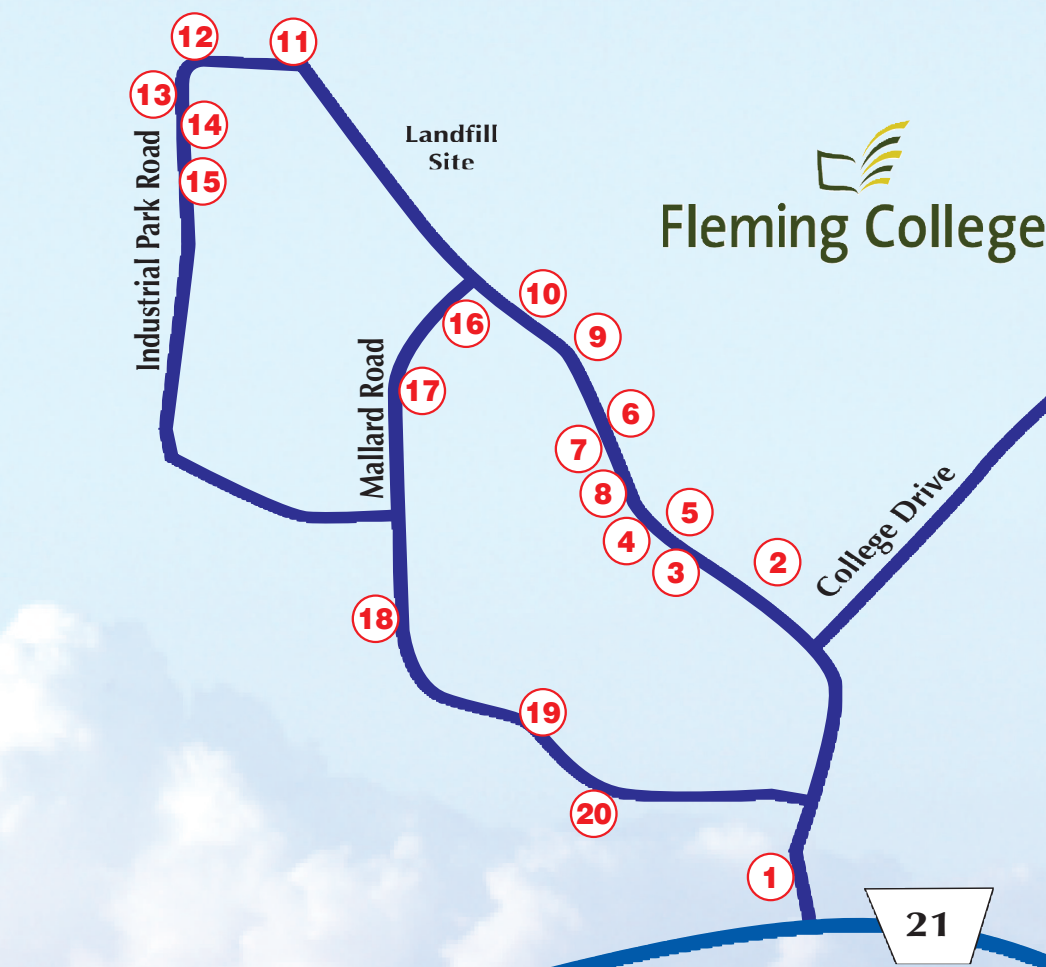
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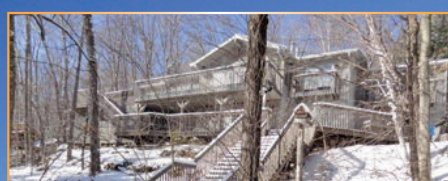
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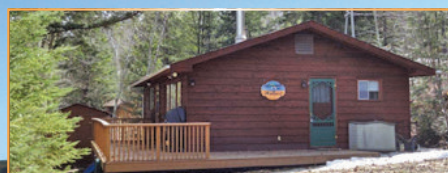
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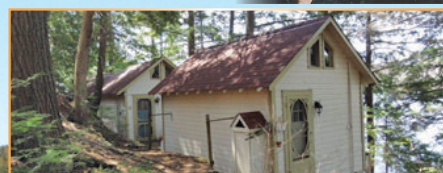


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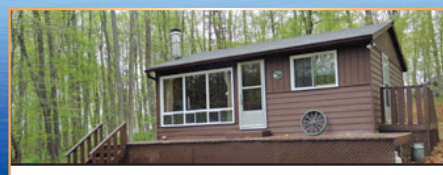
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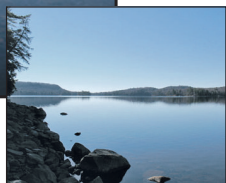


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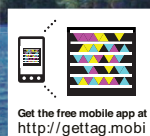
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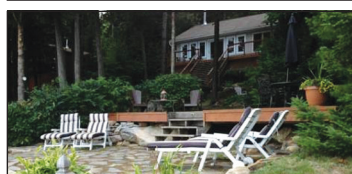
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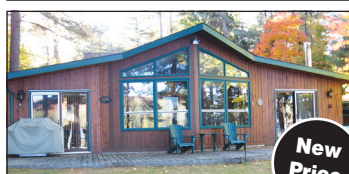
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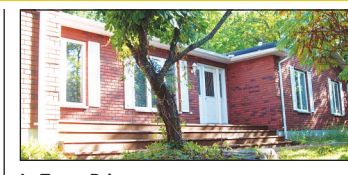
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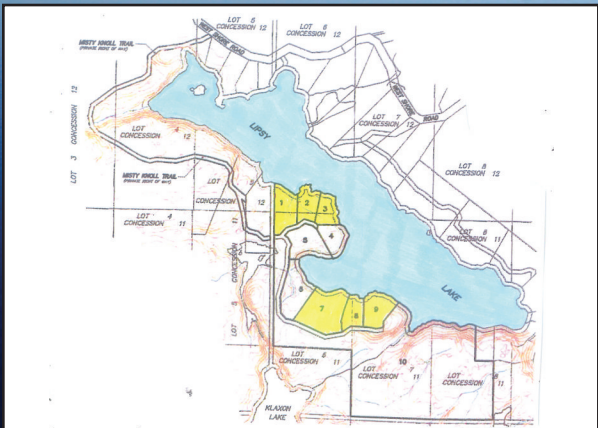
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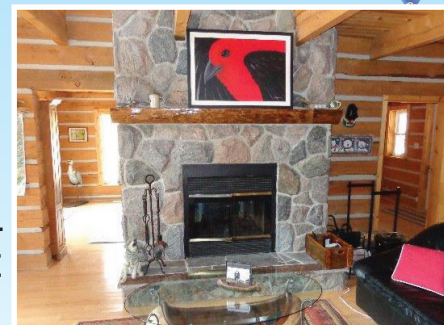
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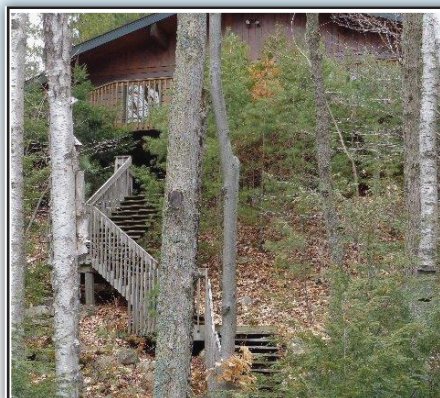
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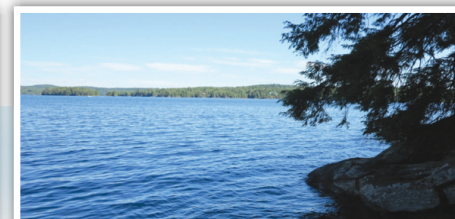
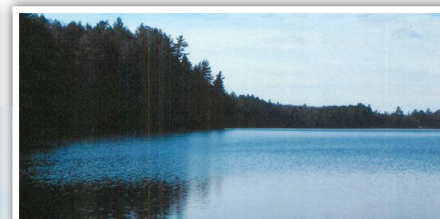
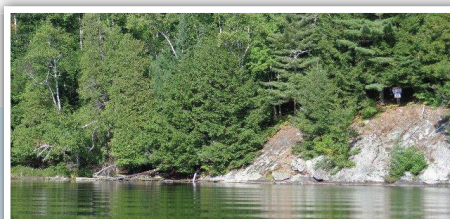
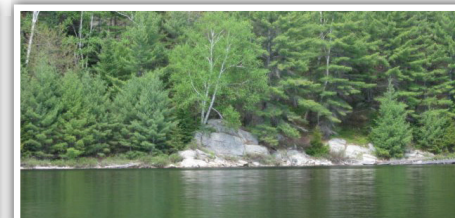
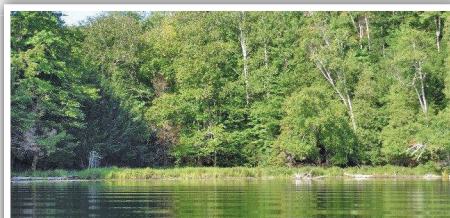
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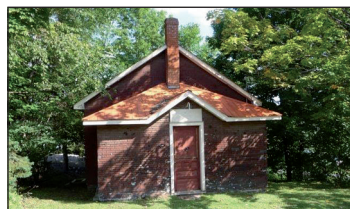


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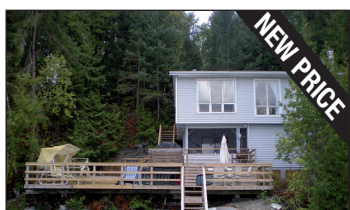
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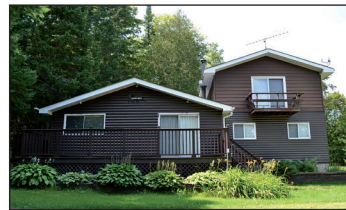
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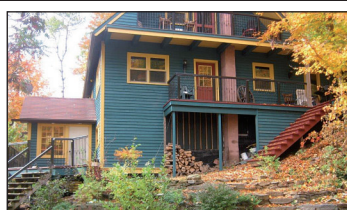
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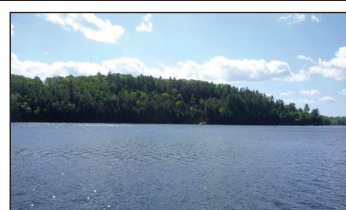
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Ground covers offer alternatives to traditional grass lawns

Story and photo by Karen Sloan

Ground covers refer to a group of plants in the garden that in many cases will take foot traffic, and are often used in place of grass to cover an area, where it may be difficult to grow a lawn. The love affair with turf-grass is falling out of fashion. No longer are we forced to grow only a sparse and lanky version of turf on our septic tanks. Grass lawns require power mowers that offer toxic emissions. They require chemical fertilizers and toxic pesticides to feed and weed, and they consume way too much water and our precious down time that should be spent with recreational activities. That said, grass can cover soil in many places and sometimes succeeds in providing suitable cover, yet sometimes unsuitable growing conditions will prevent its success. Perhaps a steep slope makes it impossible to mow or it's just too dry and shady for grass to thrive. The location might be under a large tree where too many surface roots prevent a lawn from growing well. In any case, there are wonderful alternatives to conventional lawns.

Many varieties of ground covers, when properly established, provide dense soil cover, retard weed growth, and prevent soil erosion. In many cases, they're much better for the environment than turf grass ever could be. Ground covers provide solutions to landscaping challenges, and when used in a design scheme, they're a creative alternative for gardeners who feel their days spending time, effort and money on a high maintenance lawn is over. Many gardeners are just seeking different textures, colours and in the some cases, scent. Take lemon thyme for instance; not only is there a lovely waft of herbal pleasure when they're tread upon, but they're an edible plant, too!

Plants used for ground covers offer the advantage of little maintenance once established, and many will flower and then remain attractive and interesting throughout the winter, depending on the amount of snow we receive on any given year.

There is one caveat concerning ground covers: one shouldn't expect to install them amongst weeds and then assume they'll take over immediately. For best success weeds must first be eliminated, soil loosened and composted manure added. Individual ground cover plants should be spaced at about 10 to 15 inches apart, with two inches of mulch added where soil is exposed. As ground covers begin to spread, a bit of the mulch can be removed if it has not already decomposed. Diligent weeding is required for at least a couple of years, but soon it will be apparent that the ground cover and its roots have grown so thick that little maintenance is required. Feeding yearly with manure tea, as no manufactured chemical fertilizers are required, is a beneficial way to cultivate healthy ground covers. Feeding the soil and not the plant is the way to best stimulate these particular varieties.

Ground covers not only solve issues faced by gardeners, but in some cases do create issues. There are common invasive ground covers that should be avoided at all costs, and I state that with first-hand knowledge! Periwinkle, mint, English ivy and especially goutweed, (the latter I remember being the bane of my mother's existence in her Toronto garden), can be found throughout Ontario. Most were unfortunately introduced to North America as ornamental plants way back when, and they all create dense carpets of vegetation that can choke out other plants. They'll also limit the amount of sunlight available to some native species, affecting overall plant diversity. All of these persist and spread through underground stems and roots that are very



Moss can be found in abundance in the Highlands and helps soften transitions between lawn and built materials. Inset: creeping jennys are excellent in shady areas.

hard, and even seemingly impossible to eliminate once established.

On the bright side, ground covers soften garden features like concrete walks, stone steps, and driveways, and they help to define space, too. A low ground cover can provide a transition between the lawn and taller plants used in beds. Mosses that not only thrive, but are abundant in the Haliburton Highlands may be ideal. They grow well in shady, moist areas and cover rocks and fallen trees very well. Moss plant examples include Scotch or Irish moss, blue star creeper, and green carpet. Some flowering varieties include sweet woodruff, Johnson's blue geranium, daylilies, soapwort, violet, evening primrose, compact rose geranium, blanket flower, dianthus, and veronicas. Ground covers for shade include hosta, creeping jenny, lady's mantle, foamflower, European ginger,

bluebells, carpet bugle, phlox, tufted pansy, sweet violet, snow-on-the-mountain, and many varieties of ferns. For a sunny dry position, try sedum, sweet William, chives, lungwort, lamb's ear, catmint, yarrow, sage, Artemisia, sage, thyme, lavender, dwarf coreopsis, verbena, snow-in-summer, mountain alyssum, and speedwells. Consider cultivating these and many more different varieties ground covers in your garden. In return they'll offer a reduced need for irrigation, and no need for harmful chemicals that are simply washed away into the watershed.

The garden will in return offer depth, texture and even a scent, that is a welcome addition to the yard. Gardeners will be grateful to these wonderful plants as they'll be able to spend more of that precious spare time enjoying the yard instead of constantly manicuring it.

The long and winding Carroll Road

Story by Janet Trull

The roads in Haliburton County teach a cryptic history lesson if you are willing to piece all the clues together. Who were they named after? What was their connection to the Highlands? I started to wonder about Carroll Road, off the Harburn Road halfway between Haliburton and Fort Irwin. Was it named after Dr. Louis Carroll who the old-timers still talk about with such fondness and respect? The answer? Absolutely.

Dr. Lou Carroll arrived in Haliburton in 1938. The entire population of Haliburton County was about to embrace the 33-year-old as their doctor. Why would a Toronto boy who grew up in near-poverty during the Great Depression, choose to practice in Haliburton? He could have hung out his shingle in the city, had access to modern medical facilities and lived in relative comfort. Instead, he moved to a town defined by sawmills; hard scrabble farming and undeveloped backwoods. The nurses at the Red Cross Outpost and the chemist at the dispensary were his only health care colleagues. The chemist (or pharmacist as he would be called today) had a daughter, who fell for the young doctor... but that's rushing the story.

Drawn to this area by the beauty of a still lake, the cry of the loon and the refuge of a dark forest, Dr. Carroll was an accomplished outdoorsman. An equestrian, a hunter and a fisherman, he had a tremendous connection with the natural world. In July of 1925, he paddled a canoe solo from Toronto to Niagara-on-the-Lake. And he was a decent hockey player, too, competing at the intercollegiate level for the University of Toronto. (Check out the photo of Lou Carroll in the LaRue Arena, from his days as a hockey coach). He was awarded the university's "Bronze T" for excellence in academics and athletics, acknowledging his participation in a variety of teams including lacrosse, football, competitive diving and swimming. Lou Carroll was an all-around athlete who, in his spare time, earned a medical degree.

Dr. Carroll arrived in Haliburton with a wife who was a nurse, but it soon became evident that she wouldn't be practicing health care alongside her husband. A serious mental illness, probably schizophrenia, resulted in her need for long-term psychiatric institutionalization in Toronto. Divorce under those circumstances was not a consideration in the 1930s. The chemist's wife, Peggy Nicol, was concerned about the young doctor's personal tragedy. She hoped some nice woman would overlook his circumstances and make a home for him. "Grandma Nicol didn't



Dr. Lou Carroll in 1966. Carroll Road is named after the beloved doctor who died the next year. Photo submitted.

think her daughter would be the one to do just that," says Cathy (Carroll) Toole.

Betty Nicol didn't worry too much about the constraints that the institution of marriage placed on people. In 1940, caught up in a wartime romance, she also experienced an unfortunate marriage. A Norwegian merchant marine, Johann Weltzien, swept her off her feet. He had been in Haliburton skiing when he broke his leg. While he was convalescing, he managed to convince 22-year-old Betty that a life of adventure awaited her if only she would marry him. Off they went to Montreal in a flurry of excitement. "Meet me at City Hall," Johann told Betty. She arrived for the civil ceremony, a small town girl in a big city. And she waited. And waited. Finally he arrived, a little worn out from partying with his pals. Not a great start... but then, there was a war on.

After a brief honeymoon, Johann went back to his unit and Betty went back to Haliburton to wait. And wait. But years went by and Betty started spending quite a bit of time with the local doctor.

Realizing that she wouldn't be moving to Norway, she set up housekeeping with Lou. Not everyone in town smiled with approval on the arrangement. The couple showed just how little they cared about accusations that they were living in sin, and proceeded to bring six children into the world, starting with Judith in 1944. Then came Chris, Cathy, Tim (who passed away in 2011), Peter and Jamie. Before they took off to launch their own diverse careers, the Carroll kids managed to leave some local legends of their own in Haliburton. Judith admits that they all inherited their parents' inclination to raise a little hell on occasion.

The Carroll kids grew up in the stone house on a quiet bay at the north end of Lake Kashagawigamog. Lou designed that house, drawing up the plans with the expertise he gained from his studies at Danforth Tech. After graduating from Jarvis Collegiate and before medical school, he considered emulating his father, a talented artisan whose woodcarvings still adorn the legislature at Queen's Park. Lou and Betty's son Peter, an artist and sculptor, still

has some of his grandfather's carving tools.

The Danforth Tech program gave Lou experience in drafting, building boats, and construction ... all skills he put to use in Haliburton. Arvo Rinne, a Finnish builder with a reputation for excellence, built the house to Dr. Carroll's specs.

Louis Carroll practiced for almost 30 years in Haliburton. Long before the first ambulance service was dreamt of, he would arrive at the scene of a medical emergency ready to make use of whatever was at hand. "He was made of sterner stuff than the average man," Stephen Toole says. "He saved many lives in kitchen table operations."

One of the first sawmill accidents that he attended was the day Art Parish was pulled through a circular saw at his Parish Line operation. Dr. Carroll rushed over and stitched him back together right on the veranda of the house. According to Howard Roberts, Dr. Carroll used up all the thread in his bag and had to borrow some sewing thread to finish the job. "He was a brilliant doctor," says Roberts. "A wonderful man. He had enough confidence to tackle any challenge."

About 20 years after the accident, Art Parish showed up in Dr. Carroll's office. Lou took one look at the nasty scar and said, "If I'd thought you were going to live, I'd have done a better job!"

When Dr. Carroll wasn't at the hospital or his office, he was busy at home with various farming chores. He tried his hand at raising horses, cattle, pigs and chickens. If an emergency arose while he was mucking out the barn, he wasted no time, sometimes showing up for a house call with the aroma of manure on his boots. The other smell that trailed after the doctor was the whiff of tobacco from his ever-present White Owl cigars.

As the lone doctor in town, Lou had no one to consult with or relieve him when he needed a holiday. He kept up to date by reading the current medical journals, his daughters remember, and when he needed to get away from it all, he went to Delf East Lake where he and Betty built a cabin. "It was their special project," says Cathy. "A family sanctuary where they connected with the sky, the water, the land ... the spirit!"

But he was always available for emergencies. Three shotgun blasts from the landing would have the doctor jumping in his boat and heading back to town.

Around 1955, he welcomed the arrival of a colleague, Dr. Jean O'Neill, wife of James Francis O'Neill who was rector

Doctor would take quilts, syrup as payment

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of St. George's Anglican Church. When Lou died, the Carroll family donated the stained glass window depicting Luke the Physician to St. George's Anglican Church in his memory.

Described by some as a Renaissance man for his many interests and talents, Dr. Carroll tackled life with a sense of responsibility. A quiet man by all reports, he had the spirit of a rebel. He took a keen interest in community affairs and stirred the local political pot whenever he had the chance. Needing a forum for his independent thinking, he bought and edited a Haliburton newspaper in the 1950s. He and Betty both wrote the editorials and they weren't stingy with their controversial ideas.

But wait. A busy medical practice, a weekly newspaper and six kids didn't keep them quite busy enough. The Carrolls built and operated Haliburton Lodge, too. Betty picked up the tourists from the railway station in town and brought them out to the Drag Lake location. Oh, and Dr. Carroll had his own dispensary. In the days before pharmacies, he concocted his "recipes" in partnership with (not quite) father-in-law and chemist Ross Nicol, known as Nick.

Lou couldn't have managed it all without Betty, the driving force in her family and in local community affairs. She came from a long line of independent women with some of the original English Suffragettes in her family tree. She was well read, opinionated about current events and politically active. As a 20-year-old, Betty worked on Leslie M. Frost's first campaign to represent Victoria-Haliburton in the legislature at Queen's Park. Betty also showed her leadership qualities at the local level, serving as reeve of Dysart et al for a term in the 1950s. Her other community commitments included the hospital committee, the Red Cross Society and the establishment of the Volunteer Firefighters Association. When Tommy Chambers died fighting the old Bank of Montreal fire, she was tireless in acquiring rescue equipment for the newly founded association. It's hard to believe that during these years she endured 12 pregnancies; six babies and six miscarriages. Luckily, Betty had two reliable live-in "helpers," cousins Marge and Audrise Stamp who assisted her with cooking, cleaning and childcare.

Lives weren't as hectic back in those days. Even a busy doctor followed the natural rhythms of the seasons, and found enough hours each day to get many things accomplished. Cathy remembers her Dad rising at seven and going to the barn. There, he'd meet up



Lou Carroll and Betty Nicol had six children, and were known to speak their minds. They both died at young ages, 61 and 57 respectively. Photo submitted.

with his right hand man, Mark Scheffee. They might work with the horses, planning trips to the Royal Winter Fair and seeing to other farm management issues.

At 8 a.m. he'd clean up and have breakfast. By 9 a.m., he'd be heading to the little hospital on Mountain Street to do his rounds. There would often be a mom and new baby to examine. "In all the years he practiced," Judith says, "he never lost a young mother in childbirth. Even back in the early 20th century. Dad was a man of science, reason and a realist. Without the labs and diagnostic imaging of today, he relied on his keen observation abilities and was recognized as a skilled clinical diagnostician. A great proponent of public health, he established vaccination programs at the local schools."

Dr. Carroll would arrive at his office on Highland Street around 10 a.m. But there were no appointments. People would just show up and chat in the waiting room until the doctor was able to see them. From 12 until 2 p.m., he'd return to the house for lunch and a nap before afternoon office hours.

If there were house calls to be made, Dr. Carroll would get in his Cadillac after dinner and drive all over the county... earache in Eagle Lake, gout in Gelert, whooping cough in Wilberforce. In winter, when the plowing was unreliable, he occasionally arrived at an isolated farm by horse and sleigh. Sometimes he was paid in cash and sometimes he wasn't. OHIP was just a faint light on the socialist horizon, so he accepted payment in quilts, maple syrup, and even land.

Lou valued time spent with his children. "Mom was in charge on the home front," Cathy and Judith recall, "but we did have interaction with Dad in other ways. He taught us all to swim at an early age and he attended our brothers' hockey games whenever he could."

Jamie remembers that his Dad never sat in the bleachers at the arena. He always stood in the same place, second row, to the right of the goal.

Cathy writes, "We also helped with the animals, weeded our huge vegetable garden (after lunch, before we could go swimming), and while up at Delf East we'd go with Dad to carry firewood to the boat, then up to the woodshed. When he was building a new fireplace at Delf East, it was the same routine, only rocks. No wonder Judith and I impress our peers with our upper-body strength. When Dad died, it hit Tim especially hard, as they were both interested in building projects and carpentry. Dad was teaching him a lot at that time."

"Another event worth mentioning," says Cathy, "was our big family adventure in August, 1955. Dad and Lloyd Madill had built a covered wagon. We all got up at 5 a.m. to get an early start on our trek from the house to Drag Lake – the property adjacent to Haliburton Lodge where we set up camp. Mom rode her horse "Wendy," Judith was on "Lady" and Chris had his horse "Red." Dad drove the wagon pulled by a workhorse named "Harry," and Tim and I rode along with him. Dad wore an old dog-chewed straw hat and his usual rumpled work clothes. Peter, 2, and Baby James stayed at home with Aunt Audie (that would be Audrise Stamp). As the caravan of Carroll gypsies went up the main street of Haliburton, the locals came out of the shops to cheer us on. Finally reaching our destination by the end of the day, we set up camp and stayed there for four or five nights. Tim's birthday (Aug. 23) was celebrated, and in an old home movie there he is, but with only three candles on his cupcake because Christopher had eaten one of them! I always tell people (when they appear saddened because our parents died so young) we had a wonderful childhood."

Lou Carroll succumbed to heart disease at the age of 61 on March 7, 1967. Betty also died too young at the age of 57, on Feb. 12, 1976. Like two candles burning at both ends, they shed a lovely light on Haliburton's history. If you are wandering in Evergreen Cemetery, look for the Celtic cross that distinguishes their resting place.

With many thanks to the Carroll family for sharing their memories

The sustainable dream

Story and photo by Lea Kitler, MagnificentHill.ca

Very few people in this modern world will dare to dream about living a completely self-sufficient and sustainable lifestyle.

And from this tiny number, few will pull up stakes and head to the countryside to give it a try.

Almost half will give up within a short amount of time because the challenge set before them is seemingly insurmountable.

The handful who make it through the honeymoon stage will begin to realize there is no turning back, as the list of rewards from their efforts begin to grow.

As our global world becomes more populated, the goal of sustainable living is not to live wide, but to live deep.

It is from this perspective that we are attempting to grow more products on a vertical plane rather than a horizontal one.

For example, growing potatoes in wooden boxes that allow for more bottomless frames to be added on top as the potato plant grows, instead of long rows that have to be hilled with soil and take up more geographical space.

We are growing climbing vegetables such as cucumber and squash on hoop-like frames over the asparagus patch.

By the time the asparagus is ready to harvest the climbing vine vegetables will begin to flower.

When I started dreaming about being more independent about my food it was because I was too occupied with living to take the time to drive to the nearest town to get my product.

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Bears in the Bird Feeders

Story and photo by Jenn Watt

Jim Poling can write anywhere – after 28 years working for Canadian Press, even bombs dropping from the skies wouldn't phase him – but not at the cottage.

Unlike most writers, who retreat to their summer sanctuaries for solace, Poling, 70, finds his cottage too distracting.

"I've got all this other stuff to do," he said, rattling off a list of cottage chores.

Which is doubly interesting since his latest book is all about life at the cottage.

Bears in the Bird Feeders, a 224-page love letter to cottage life, was the result of years of observations about everything related to his time in Algonquin Highlands at a place called Shaman's Rock on St. Nora's Lake.

There Poling and his family have made themselves a nest for a quarter century.

He protects it for the spiritual rejuvenation it gives him, refusing to make it his year-round home, but winterizing it so he can visit in any month.

"I think when you're there too much, it takes away from it," he said.

"It's less of an important place to go if it's your home."

Poling wrote the book to remind people of how crucial a connection to nature is and what the pace of life intrinsic to the cottage experience can teach us.

"The idea behind the book is to try to convey cottage life, country living, is an important part of the Canadian psyche," he said.

Bears in the Bird Feeders is broken into four sections reflecting human and animal routines across four seasons.

"Breakup" follows the cottager's anxious enthusiasm for ice out, the rebirth of bug season and spring cottage chores.

"Thermocline" has everything to do with the season of open water, warmth, sun and busyness.

Then comes "Anthocyanins," or pigments, exploring the fall colours, hunting season and Thanksgiving, followed by "Manidoo-Giizisoon," Ojibwae for "little spirit moon," the beginning of winter.

Instead of focusing solely on the aesthetics of cottage country, or even the regular fare of the cottager, Poling

takes his book further tackling politics and sociology alongside reflections on the sanctity of the lake and brutality of life for wild animals.

That's because the cottage isn't just a place of renewal for the individual, but also for society, Poling says.

"There's a calming influence in nature that makes people think more reasonably," he said.

Bears in the Bird Feeders posits that if people took campfire behaviour to the wider world, things might go more smoothly.

"Flames dancing inside a campfire circle are spiritual," Poling writes in his book, "They encourage attitudes that create fellowship, goodwill, decency, love. They deliver to us calm in a world of uncalm."

Some passages become much more practical.

A fishing story takes a moment to ponder lake trout populations. Why, when prominent Ontario biologist John Casselman warned of overfishing female lake trout during summer months, would the province not institute better restrictions, Poling wondered.

In another chapter, he examines the folly of the province in shutting down the Frost Centre, which for many years served to educate government workers and children about the natural world around them.

Yet despite his criticism of the government's actions (or inaction), the author isn't interested in more intervention.

"I'm not a fanatic, but I resent government intrusion in my life all the time," he says, discussing a chapter about building codes.

If Poling wasn't writing about the cottage, he would surely be writing about something else.

A lifelong journalist, Poling has published some 10 books on a range of topics since 1999 and plans to next publish a novel – if other non-fiction stories don't get in the way.

"You can't turn it off," he says, "You just can't do it."

He quotes a line from Richard Wagamese's recent novel *Indian Horse*: "All that we are is story ... It is what we arrive with. It is all we leave behind."

And it is all that Poling wants to do. "Really, it's true," he says, "It's always about the story."

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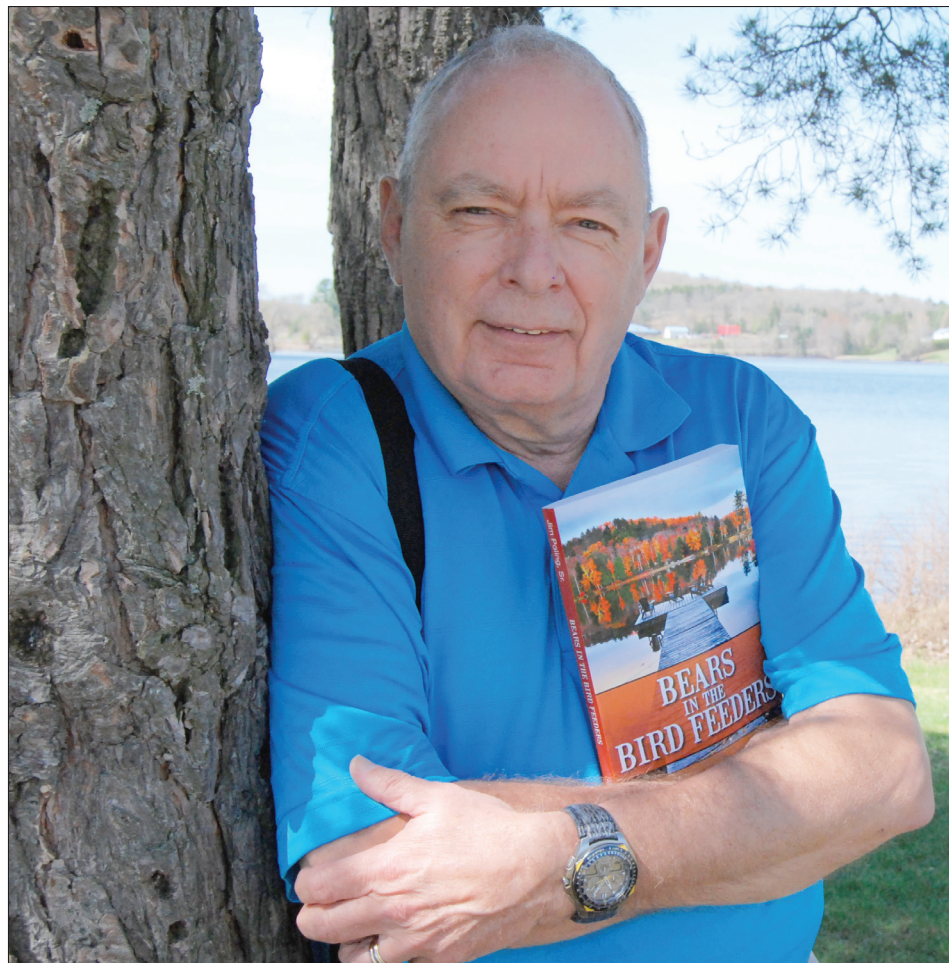
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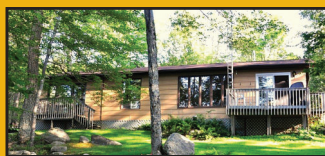
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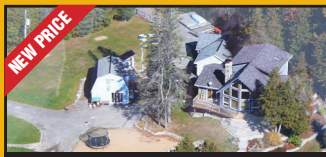
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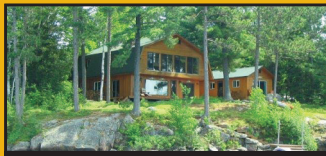
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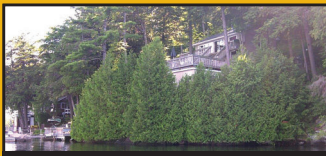
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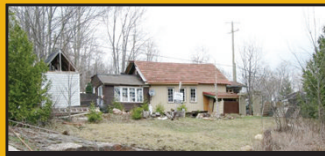
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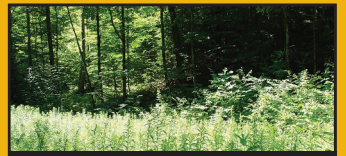
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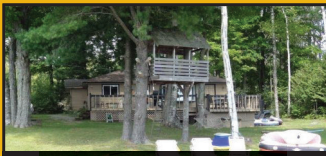
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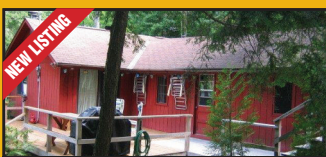
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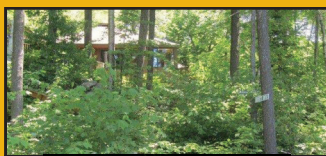
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Sports

OFSAA more than just medals

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

They believed and achieved what only seemed like a dream several weeks ago.

Close to a week after the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations championship in Chatham, the mixed doubles badminton team Jaimie Dack and Bin Chun of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School smile, reflecting about feeling “astonished” at winning a bronze medal and how it is “miraculous”.

Last year the team finished third at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final and missed earning a berth to the all-provincials by one spot.

“We were really mad. We thought we had it. We lost it right in front of our eyes,” he said. “You know [this year] we trained hard.”

This year they came through dominating Dan Nazareth and Nicole Baran of Paul Dwyer Catholic Secondary School (21-11 and 21-15) in the bronze medal match.

The pair said they were motivated and inspired by their coach Jason Morissette and themselves. He emphasized the team concept and a belief in their abilities.

None of this, they said, would have been possible if it wasn't for their team, who provided invaluable support throughout the season and also at the all-provincials.

“It's not really our achievement. It's a team achievement. We've been practicing together and they supported us. They stayed a night just to watch us play and to cheer us on,” he said.

Dack appreciated the cheering and the verbal encouragement by her teammates in the medal game. She adds their presence was reassuring and it ensured their opponents were kept “honest.”

Off the court the five were often up late, they said. What



Darren Lum Staff

The Red Hawks senior mixed doubles team of Bin Chun, left, and Jaimie Dack credit their badminton team with their bronze medal win at OFSAA earlier this month. All season, they said, their coach Jason Morissette has reminded them of the importance of support and team work. This pair travelled with Darcy Schmidt, singles, and doubles team Jessica Duchene and Sandy Griffith.

they were doing they wouldn't reveal.

Dack maintained a routine that included Froot Loops cereal, country music and a 40-minute warm up before matches.

Her song of choice? *Save a horse, ride a cowboy*. She loved how it bothered Morissette when she and the other girls Sandy Griffith and Jessica Duchene, who both earned OFSAA spots for girls' doubles, would sing it aloud on the drive down.

Chun ate Froot Loops on the medal match day. He thought it couldn't hurt and would be great for “chemistry.” To keep it going, he explained. It worked.

Morissette commends his players for playing up to the calibre of play at the tournament.

“What I was proud about was they were competitive at every level they were playing. Yeah, maybe the scores don't reflect that ... [but] the kids all tried,” he said.

Also making the trip with them was singles player Darcy Schmidt, who dominated COSSA not dropping a single game.

Schmidt, who finished eighth in the province playing in the A flight, had his dad and the school's junior badminton coach Bob with him.

“I am happy for Darcy with his finish. He enjoys badminton and has a lot of drive and dedication. He practiced hard to get to that level - lots of drill after drill after drill - specific shots and extensive footwork drills. Have to, to be able to compete against some of these city players that practice daily at their clubs,” Bob said.

Although Schmidt belongs to the Ridges Badminton Club in Millbrook, he only managed to be there once or twice a week because it is an hour-and-a-half away.

Schmidt opened with two wins on the first day, but

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Players elevate their play at all-provincials

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couldn't beat the second seed of the tournament and then lost a close match, losing the third game 17-21 on the second day.

His dad was impressed by his son's finish. He said, "not sure if I would have guessed that going in."

Morissette thought this finish is the best in the 30-plus history for the sport at the school.

"If he's eighth, the No. 1, two or three is Olympic potential. These players in that flight will be representing us at Pan Am games, the Olympics," he said, giving context for the achievement.

A and even B flight players were being recruited by post-secondary schools, he adds.

The flights determined by the players win/loss records on the first day. A medal, he said, is still an achievement regardless of flight.

Doubles player Duchene was impressed by the skill of the players at the tournament, describing it as "amazing to watch."

This isn't the first trip to OFSAA for Duchene, who, with her playing partner Griffith, both earned trips with their field hockey team.

"It was amazing to make it to OFSAA with a team but it was really cool and exciting to make it to OFSAA with only one other person. There is a lot more pressure on yourself so it's a pretty amazing feeling when you do well. It's also something I never expected to happen so it was a very exciting day when Sandy and I won second place at COSSA. Both were obviously very exciting but it feels like more of a personal accomplishment when you make it to OFSAA in a more individual sport," she wrote in an email.

They're strong play on the first day put them in the B flight. The tough competition didn't dissuade them though. They were competitive in all their matches, their coach said.

All of them, Morissette said, raised their calibre of play to match the moment of the occasion.

It is arguably the best achievement for a badminton team at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School in its more than 30-year playing history, he added.

"They went into the tournament (all three) playing at their best. A lot of times players will go to OFSAA and maybe they're a little off," he said.

By the second game of the first match they all realized they were ready to compete, he adds. Despite the misgivings (except for Schmidt who is the lone player on a club and competed in OFSAA last year) about coming from a small community and limited playing compared to players from club teams, his team left those reservations behind.

A major factor in their success was their attitude at the event.

"Fun. They had a lot of fun. When kids are having fun and having a good time they do better," he said.

He said the event is more than just about playing, as this event also enables players to socialize with players from all over Ontario.

Unlike other sports, badminton is an etiquette sport. Scores are kept by the players and submitted to organizers.

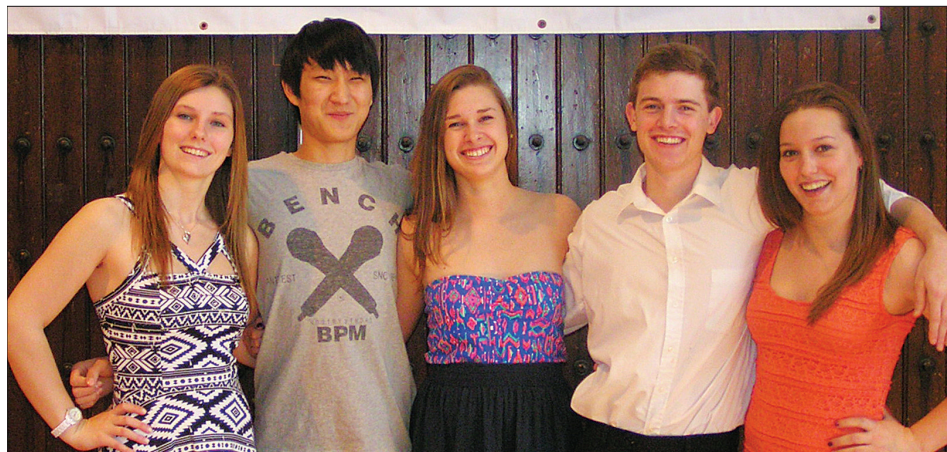
Support is even given to one-time rivals. The team lent its support to fellow COSSA representatives from Norwood District High School during a medal game.

"That's what you do. You support your region unless you go head to head," he said.

As a coach he was happy to enable his players by giving them the tools for success, but knows the achievement is also shared by the players' family and friends but, in particular, the school.

This achievement is a lesson for students about the importance of hard work. Two words that ring loudly for him are "resilience" and "humility"

"You don't always win the game. You don't always get the job," he said. "It teaches you how to come back [even when it seems difficult]."



Jason Morissette Special to the Echo

The Red Hawks senior badminton players Jessica Duchene, left, Bin Chun, Sandy Griffith, Darcy Schmidt and Jaimie Dack all returned from OFSAA happy for the experience and their efforts in competition. Chun and Dack finished with a bronze medal.



Hometown hero

Haliburton resident and supporter of minor hockey Wade MacInnes is this year's proud recipient of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association Hometown Hero award. MacInnes was recognized for his commitment to promoting community values of fair play, safety, sportsmanship, skill development, participation and spirit of the game of hockey. MacInnes, who is a tournament convenor for the Highland Storm, has a long-standing commitment to minor hockey rooted in giving children the opportunity to play and enjoy hockey.

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Red Hawks senior forward Maia O'Sullivan shoots on the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Titans net during Kawartha West league game in Haliburton on Thursday, May 9.



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Senior midfielder Kayla Gardiner, left, clashes with a St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Titans player.

Red Hawks soar beyond St. Thomas Titans

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Ominous dark clouds were seen in all directions except above the soccer pitch in Haliburton. Appropriate, as nothing was dark on this day for the home side, who seemed to do everything right.

The Red Hawks senior girls' soccer team beamed under the strong sun, shining at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Facility in Haliburton on Thursday, May 9.

They struck for five goals against the visiting winless St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School Titans just a few days after getting shut out 2-0 by the I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats in the team's home opener.

Granted the Titans were with a virtually non-existent bench (just one substitution available who was sick), the game became an execution of the Haliburton coaches' main focus for the season and a confidence builder for the feisty Hawks who dropped their home opener two days

before 2-0 to I.E. Weldon Secondary School.

It was a strong display of improvement for Haliburton, who showcased positional play, patience, communication and teamwork, finding open players and creating good scoring chances.

With Bailey Walker and Kayla Gardiner trying to play centre midfield, the coach has been impressed by the development.

Their striker Maia O'Sullivan struck first with the team's opening salvo.

Teammate McKenzie Hill took a pass from Casey Pringle, who spread the defence with sideline pass. Hill then chipped it into O'Sullivan who deftly deked around the Titans' keeper, coming out to pounce on the loose ball. She made no mistake and struck the gaping open net.

It was all the Red Hawks needed as they poured on the goals, scoring three more before the half for a 4-0 lead.

Goals came from forward Hill, forward Pringle and midfielder Bailey Walker.

By the second, Red Hawks coach Sharon Dibblee realiz-

ing the game was in hand put her forwards on defence and her back field on forward.

The move, not only gave her defenders a chance to score, but a new perspective.

"I wanted them in the backfield because from the backfield you can see the plays that should develop and they're going, 'Ah ha we should have be thinking about this.' So it helps them see the game better from that perspective," she said.

Haliburton improves to 2-1-0. Red Hawks players Emma Paul, Jessica Bishop and Shay-Lynn Hutchings didn't make it to the score sheet, but had strong games. Red Hawks goal keeper Jenn Woolacott, who saw a handful of shots, earned her second shutout of the season.

The Titans, who are the only varsity team in Kawartha West fall to 0-3-0. They remain the only winless team in Kawartha West.

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Wildcats roar past Red Hawks

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Staff reporter

It was a day for the shutout. Unfortunately for the home side it was in the favour of the visiting teams from Lindsay.

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) girls' junior and senior soccer teams were both blanked by the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats during the home opener on Tuesday, May 7.

It was a promising start for the seniors under a blazing sun. It was unusually hot for spring, which worked against the hard charging Red Hawks as the game wore on, tiring them. A temperature gauge indicated it was north of 28 degrees Celsius following the game.

Despite strong chances and rushes by

Red Hawks forward Casey Pringle, Jessica Bishop and McKenzie Hill, the Red Hawks were blanked 2-0.

Coach Sharon Dibblee was disappointed for her players, but was still smiling.

She appreciated the competitiveness and efforts of her team and loved the quality of play from her back-three defenders: Romina Sabando Anargote, Megan Allore and Laura Pottier.

However, the warm weather was part of the team's undoing, as the usual strategy to move the ball through passing deteriorated into a chip and charge mentality.

Her players, she said, are still working on spacing. Many of them appreciated their opponents' ability to create space and time, anticipating teammates movements.

Both teams entered play undefeated (1-0).

Darren Lum Staff

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Red Hawks senior players Casey Pringle, left, and Bailey Walker, far right, challenge for high ball during the home opener against the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats in Kawartha League action on Tuesday, May 7. The Wildcats beat the Red Hawks 2-0 and remain undefeated, as of May 8.



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Photo left, Red Hawks junior defender Kelsey Maracle, right, plays a ball and Red Hawks junior player Madison Billings rushes up field during the home opener against the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats on Tuesday, May 7. The Hawks of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School lost 3-0. Red Hawks player Erica Carmount had a strong game, including teammates Kelsey Maracle and goalkeeper Sydney Cameron, who kept her team in the game.

Photos by Darren Lum



Junior Red Hawks hard work not enough

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Coach Judi Paul was proud of her team following the home opener against the visiting I.E. Weldon Secondary School Wildcats on Tuesday, May 7.

She said, "I came off the field feeling good."

Although the team lost their second in as many games by a 3-0 score, the Red Hawks played well in light of the cir-

cumstances.

With just two on-field practices due to the inclement spring conditions, the team has been playing catch up, Paul said.

Red Hawks goalkeeper Sydney Cameron kept the score close, playing solidly.

Paul commended her defenders Erica Carmount and Kelsey Maracle.



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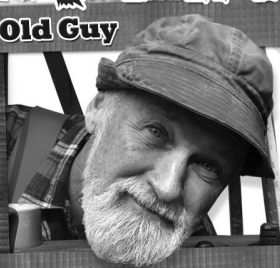
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Left, Red Hawks track and field Charlene Hicks, who is a record holder in the triple jump, runs lengths during practice last week. Above, track and field coach Bruce Griffith watches his athletes run lengths. With 35 athletes, the track team is working to be ready for Kawartha at Holy Cross Catholic Secondary School in Peterborough on May 16. The Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics final is in Belleville on May 23 and the East Regionals on May 30 in Belleville.





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‘Weather guru’ to speak May 16

What is up with our weather? If this question is on your mind after the strange weather this spring, David Phillips, climatologist for Environment Canada, would be the best man to answer it. He will be doing just that on Thursday, May 16 in the great hall of Fleming College at 7 p.m., sponsored by the Canadian University Women’s Club, Haliburton Highlands. CFUW HH is inviting all the public, free of charge, to this special presentation.

Most of us are familiar with Phillips from his frequent appearances on TV as a spokesperson for Environment Canada. Part of his job is to promote understanding of Canada’s weather, which he does in a very entertaining way. Known as a “weather guru,” Phillips “spices” up his weather and climate reporting with interesting weather facts and little known weather trivia.

Phillips brings a lifetime of study and work in meteorology to his reporting and presentations. He graduated in geography from the University of Windsor and has worked for more than 40 years with Environment Canada. He is a published author of scientific papers, reports and books, including the bestselling *The Day Niagara Falls Ran Dry* and *Blame it on the Weather*. His Canadian Weather Trivia Calendar has been published for 25 years and he wrote a weather column for *Canadian Geographic* for 10 years.

Phillips says that he has been “swept away” by weather and he is sure to sweep his audience away with his timely topic and entertaining manner. Refreshments will be served after the presentation. Donations to the CFUW HH Scholarship/Bursary Fund are welcome.

Submitted by Heather Thom

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Above, Tracy Evans from Gooderham took this photo on Wednesday, April 24 of the finches that come to the feeders regularly. Two of the birds were caught in flight on either side of the feeder.

Julie and Rob of Wilberforce took this photo of a moose off Pain Road.



A turkey was roaming through the melting snow on April 7 on Fred Jones Road in Haliburton. Photo taken by Fraenzi Morissette.



Lois Warburton, from the Blairhampton in Minden, took this picture of a quail, which is rare to the Highlands. The quail has been around for about a year and a half and follows Lois 150 feet down the lane to the road (but will not cross just sits and waits) while Lois gets the mail then follows her home again.

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Outdoors association seeks members

Rex Henry
Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association

Over the past 21 years the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association has been an active community based organization, promoting the outdoor sports of hunting, fishing and other outdoor interests.

We work hard at improving local opportunities for hunting and fishing while improving wildlife and fish habitats, in cooperation with the Ministry of Natural Resources and private landowners.

We provide educational programs to our members and the public on game and fish management, safety, ethics and conservation of our natural resources.

The HHOA has developed a number of programs, the largest of which is our fish hatchery and resource centre at 6712 Gellert Road in Haliburton.

The resource centre is available for rental as an 80-person meeting room and its educational displays are enjoyed by the many tour groups who visit us through-

out the year. Our hatchery operation produces an average of 40,000 fish each year for release into local waters.

We also provide a soccer field, archery range, deer feed program, bass tournament club, and a variety of training courses and other programs for the community.

We employ one full-time office administrator and a summer student to take care of the day-to-day tasks and to help coordinate 50 active volunteers.

In the past, we have depended on the generosity of the County of Haliburton, Ministry of Natural Resources, Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, local business, organizations and community sponsors.

Through their financial support and our fundraising activities such as dinners, auctions and raffles, we have been able to meet our operating costs each year, however those costs continue to rise. Facing these financial challenges, the HHOA board of directors has been working hard to find ways to reduce our expenditures and to increase fundraising.

One cost reduction proposal we are considering is the installation of solar panels that would produce as much electricity as we use.

The goal here is to eliminate most of our annual cost for electricity, approximately \$15,000 per year.

One of the ways that we plan to generate new revenue is by increasing HHOA memberships through a membership drive that started on May 1.

Kathleen Connors, last year's HHOA summer student from Fleming College will be talking to local businesses, cottage owners and residents about HHOA history, the work that we do and what we have to offer our members.

We hope that Connors will be able to sign up lots of new members over the next few months.

The HHOA currently has 250 members and about 50 of them are active volunteers.

The annual membership fees are: \$30 individual, \$45 family, \$60 business.

All members of the HHOA receive:

- Copies of our quarterly newsletter *The Outdoorsman*.
- Invitation to our annual member appreciation event.
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Recruitment committee conducting doctor need assessment




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Chairwoman asks those looking for physician complete survey

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This is something we need to do in order to demonstrate to potential family doctors that they will have a full roster of patients

— Liz Danielsen

The Haliburton Highlands' Professional Recruitment Committee is continuing its efforts to encourage doctors to move to the Highlands, to live and practice family medicine.

To that end, a special survey has been created in an attempt to determine the number of people who need a family doctor and which county locations have the greatest need.

Liz Danielsen, deputy-reeve of Algonquin Highlands and the chairwoman of the county's recruitment committee, says, "If you would like to have a family doctor that practices medicine in the Haliburton Highlands, please take some time to fill out this survey. The information you provide will help us immensely."

Danielsen, acknowledging the ongoing efforts of the recruitment committee, says that it is difficult to attract doctors without a better understanding of the number of people who need a family doctor.

"There have been surveys done in the past, but they haven't adequately captured the numbers countywide. This is something we need to do in order to demonstrate to potential family doctors that they will have a full roster of patients."

There is a full-time population of over 17,000 people, with a median age of over 50 years old. Summer visitors increase the population by four to five times, which indicates the need for appropriate numbers

of medical personnel. The survey questionnaires have been distributed to 50 locations within the county. These locations include libraries, pharmacies, health units, post offices and municipal offices. The surveys will be linked to all of the municipal websites, as well as the library websites, throughout the county.

"While the survey was being developed, we heard numerous comments from folks who were very happy to see the survey taking place. A lot of residents have their own stories to tell about their frustrations trying to find a doctor in the county, leaving us with little doubt that doctors are extremely important to our community," said Danielsen.

Submit your responses to the County of Haliburton (P.O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, K0M 2K0, or email info@countyhaliburton.on.ca) or drop the survey off to your local municipal office, or you can electronically fill in this survey by going to www.surveymonkey.com/s/X5VDISP no later than June 15.

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Celtic musician, Phil McMahon and local band, Dinah will be on hand to provide rousing background music for the stomp. Cost to participate is \$8 per person or \$20 for families of three or more.

In addition to the hands-on experience participants will each create a small personal piece to take home and have the opportunity to win a unique felted creation.

There will be four completed hangings, which will be on display throughout the summer and sold via a silent auction to take place Labour Day weekend.

During the day Hunter Creek Farms will be on site with their new spring lambs and some fleeces and Highlands Spinner, Louise Jackson will demonstrate how fleece is spun into yarn.

The event starts at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 1 with creation of the fish.

Stomping is scheduled to begin at noon.

For those unable to attend on June 1 you can create a fish at The Art Hive on Saturday, May 18 from 12 to 3 p.m.

The prototype piece created by Art Hive members prior to the event is presently on display at the Art Hive and will be donated to Arts Alive Minden for sale at Arts Exposed.

For further information contact theearthive@live.ca or call 705-754-0021.



Art Hive member Noelia Marziali and her daughter Fia create fish for the prototype felt. Submitted photo

Turtle Guardians launches in Haliburton

Jenn Watt
Editor

In an effort to get kids outside and interested in wildlife, a coalition of organizations has aligned behind a new program called Turtle Guardians.

The Land Between, Kids for Turtles and the Couchiching Conservancy came together with support from the school board to create education for kids about the reptiles and the tools to help save them.

"Facebook and all that stuff is great, but [kids] don't get all that interaction that much," said Leora Berman, co-ordinator of The Land Between, which is involved with Turtle Guardians.

Berman united the various turtle-related organizations for the project, which not only teaches kids about turtles, but also provides them with cages to protect turtle eggs on their properties.

It's a device Berman picked up when she did work with conservation group Ducks Unlimited.

"It wasn't original, it was from my experience with DU," Berman said.

"That's the model they use and I said let's adopt this model for kids."

Ducks Unlimited has had success with its nest box program, which asks landowners to provide habitat for ducks on their properties.

In addition to providing the protective cages for turtle eggs, Turtle Guardians also sends out a gatepost sign, ID card, access to the website and connection to experts in the field.

There will be an awards ceremony, mobile app and blog, too.

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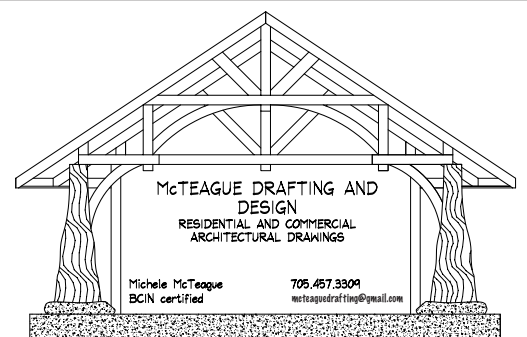
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Flood fundraisers abound across county

The following includes some of the many events to benefit Minden's flood victims. To add your event, email jenn.watt@sunmedia.ca.

Join the toonie mile! Autumn and Bill Robinson want to make a **mile of toonies** (53,000 of them) to donate to Minden Flood Relief. Find them around Minden on Saturday, May 18; Monday, May 20; Saturday, June 1 and Monday, July 1 to add your toonie to the mile-long strip. For more information call 705-286-6305.

Saturday May 18 at 7 p.m. Minden United Church (21 Newcastle St, Minden) is presenting a **'Mending Minden' Variety Show**, a fundraising event for Minden Hills flood damage. It will be a fun evening with local musicians and other performers. Admission is by donation, all of which will go to the Flood Relief Fund (cash or cheques will receive receipts from the township). Please come out and support this needy cause!

On Saturday, May 18, at Zion United Church, Carleton Place, from 8 a.m. till exhaustion, Places for People is hosting a **Yard Sale**. You may bring items (priced as you

please) to Zion the previous evening from 5 to 7 p.m. or call David Eastwood at 705-489-1830 to discuss alternate arrangements. Zion will be selling peameal bunwiches, and we will have a donations jar for Minden Hills Flood Relief Fund.

Car wash: Home Hardware in Minden on Saturday, May 18 starting at 9 a.m. It will be a \$5 express car wash (soap, scrub, rinse and quick dry) at the end of the parking lot by the greenhouses. All proceeds to flood relief fund.

Subway: Buy one get one free* from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 22 at Subway in Minden and Haliburton. Twenty-five per cent of the total proceeds will go to the Minden Disaster Relief Fund. *A sub of equal or lesser

value.

Yard Sale for the Cure and Minden Flood Relief: On Saturday, May 25 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Re/Max Minden (10 Bobcaygeon Road), there will be a yard sale, a charity BBQ sponsored by Fowler Construction, and raffles to raise money to support the Minden Flood Relief and breast cancer. Drop off yard sale donations or raffle items at the Re/Max offices in Minden, Haliburton or Wilberforce. Contact Terry at 705-286-2911 for more information. Lose the clutter, find a cure and help a community.

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Wilberforce

Hilda Clark

448-2018

Snow flurries, strong winds, temperatures hanging around zero, overnight frost. Is this really mid May? Perhaps those past two weeks of fine weather was summer. Ah, the weather, never boring, always varied, always a conversation piece.

The local garden centres are ablaze in spring flowers hopefully with emergency shelter from the elements. Just in time for Mother's Day. And the daffodils and pansies do flourish in the cooler weather.

Many in this community were shocked to learn of the sudden death of Betty Irvine. She had only recently been welcomed back home from a pleasant winter in the warm south. Betty died while in hospital in Oshawa on Wednesday May 8. She was in her 75th year. This longtime resident

of Wilberforce was predeceased by her husband Charles (Chuck). She was a successful businesswoman throughout her life. She loved to travel to interesting places in the world and truly enjoyed a good round of golf.

Sympathy is extended to her sons Chad of Peterborough and Brett (Joanne) of Minden, her grandchildren and all of her family.

Friends called at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home on Monday, May 13 from 4 to 7 p.m., and on Tuesday, May 14 from 10 a.m. until funeral service time at 11 a.m. This fine lady will be greatly missed and well remembered by many in Wilberforce and area.

The upcoming Victoria Day holiday weekend is always a popular time for yard sales as folks decide it's time say farewell to unneeded treasures. The Wilberforce United Church will hold their yard sale on Saturday, May 18 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. And at that one you should plan to stay for lunch while taking a break from browsing for bargains. If in Gooderham the United Church there is also having a sale that day too.

Share your photos with Echo readers

The "Scrapbook" page of the paper is reserved for your events: important birthdays, team photos, donations to charity, retirement parties...

Send them in and share them with the community!

Email to jenn.watt@sunmedia.ca or bring them to the office at 146 Highland Street.

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SUN. MAY 19th @ 10.00 A.M.

**At the property of
Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Isabel Perrot,
#1091 Woods Road, Haliburton;**

approx. 2.5 kms. south of Hwy.21 @ Haliburton on Gelert Rd.

Among the many items to be sold are:

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community calendar

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Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Minden Al-Anon Family Group meets in Hyland Crest meeting room, 6 McPherson St Mondays at 8 p.m.

May 17 & 18: Charity Yard Sale hosted by Heavens Saints Motorcycle Ministry located at 1755 loop rd Wilberforce Friday noon to dusk and sat 18, 9am -3pm

May 18: Gooderham United Church Yard Sale: from 8a.m. – 3p.m. Donated items accepted, however we no longer accept large appliance, cribs or mattresses. Light refreshments available. For more info pleas call June at 705-477-2838

May 18-20: Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) running its 1st Annual DEEPWOODS SAFARI - Minden Fairgrounds. This is a new 3 day event with a chance to win a new 2013 - 450 Arctic Cat ATV. Free camping provided, guided trail rides at all skill levels. Please check our website www.haliburtonatv.com/deepwoods.html for information & registration.

May 25: Minden & District Horticultural's Annual PLANT SALE at 10 AM SHARP. Village Green, downtown Minden. All plants are grown by our members. For more info call Rose at 705 286 3157

May 26: The Haliburton & District Lions Club Purina Walk for Guide Dogs. Pick up your pledge card by calling Mary at 705 448-1128 and come on out for a pleasant walk (with or without your four-legged friend). Registration is at the docks at Head Lake Park in Haliburton at 12:00 pm and the walk starts at 1:00 pm. Coffee, snacks and gift bags will be given to the participants. BBQ will follow at the Haliburton Foodland Parking lot.

June 1: FELT STOMP Live music, baby lambs and a stompin' good time! Located at The Art at 11:00 am. Make a felt fish and join in the group stomp. www.theearthive.com

June 13: The Hand of the Maker art exhibition: "Tool Work" located at The Art Hive Opening including refreshments from 11 am-1 pm. The show runs from Saturday, May the 18th until Thursday June the 13th. www.theearthive.com

Coming Events

First horseshoe tournament of the year



Legion br. 624

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Wilberforce Legion

May 13 to 19 action-packed long weekend

Monday Bid euchre 7 p.m.
Tuesday General meeting 7 p.m. Elections - 2013 membership card required for entry or proof of payment for 2013 and 2012 membership card
Wednesday Fun darts 7:30 p.m.
Friday Pool 1:30 p.m.
Spaghetti dinner 5 to 7 p.m.
Jam session 7 p.m. - Come to play or listen to great music

Saturday Meat draw 2 to 5 p.m.
Spring into summer dance - 9 p.m. DJ Pat Casselman
Sunday Horseshoe tournament
Registration 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Play commences at 12:30 p.m. sharp - food available for purchase - \$10 entry.
Come out and have some fun for the first horseshoe tournament of the year.

\$1,000 jackpot at bingo Wednesday



Legion br. 129

Haliburton Legion

Wednesdays:
Bid euchre 1 p.m. start
Bingo doors open at 6 p.m., Bingo starts at 7 p.m. \$1,000 jackpot last Wednesday of the month.

Thursdays:
General meeting: the second Thursday of every month starting at 7:30 p.m. - All members urged to attend.

Fridays:
Meat draw: five draws, five prizes each draw, first draw at 4:30 p.m., last draw at 6:30 p.m., tickets are \$2 each.

Saturdays:
50/50 draw 4 p.m. Draw, tickets are \$1 each from noon on.

Everyone is welcome. Please come out and support Haliburton Legion branch 129. Proudly celebrating our 85th anniversary!

Coming Events

St. Patrick's and Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Churches
would like to welcome you to our liturgical services this summer beginning May 18th

St. Patrick's Church in Kilmount,
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Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM

Our Lady of Fatima Church in Minden,
7 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden
Saturday 7:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM

Welcome to the world, baby Mason

West Guilford

Eleanor Cooper

754-2278

Bishop Linda Nicholls was the speaker at the monthly men's breakfast hosted by St. George's Anglican Church on May 11. Local people who formed part of the 35 in attendance were Robert McIvor, Keith Burns, Perry Morrison, David Barker and Earl. Next meeting will be June 8.

Congratulations to Lisa Barry and Matt Mahlik on the birth of their second son on April 25, 2013 at Soldiers Memorial Hospital in Orillia.

Three-year-old Neil is also happy to welcome Mason Jeffery.

Euchre scores last Tuesday: high - Ron Bain and Brandon van Nood. Low - Barb Robitaille and Ray Sisson.

Most lone hands - Jean Randell and Leon Jones.

Rehearsals for Thornton Wilder's *Our Town* have begun at the West Guilford Community Centre. The cast is complete except for a 12-year-old boy.

Anyone who can fill this spot please contact (Summer Festival) Jennifer Payton, stage manager for this production at 457-2950 at the high school.

Vern and Marlin Garthshore's 50th wedding celebration was held at the centre with friends and family attending the dinner and dance held in their honour.

New date for this year Location: Kilcoo camp

Gull Lake COTTAGER

Annual General meeting
Sunday June 2, 2013

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Dusk Dances to bring chess board to life

Dusk Dances Haliburton is excited to announce that Jordyn Brown has been selected as the choreographer for a youth dance as part of the 2013 season, taking place on July 18 through 21 in Head Lake Park.

Entitled *Checkmate*, this thrilling new piece will bring the game of chess to life as different children portray the chess pieces and battle until there is only one dancer left on the larger-than-life chess board.

"I have seen old cartoons of people playing chess in the park and I would now like to create a game of real life chess outdoors," says Brown. "I imagined using a wide open space for this piece resembling a battle field on which the dancers would play out their game of chess."

Jordyn is looking for up to 12 girls and boys between the ages of five to 18 to participate. No dance experience is required. An information session will take place on Tuesday, May 21 at Heritage Ballet Studio in Haliburton from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. Dancers will be required to attend a number of rehearsals and perform on all four evenings of July 18 to 21.

Jordyn has been studying dance for 16 years and has performed in three previous Dusk Dances seasons. She has also performed in Patria's *Princess of the Stars* at the Haliburton Forest in 2007, in Guelph with Royal City School of Ballet and more recently choreographed a piece in Heritage Ballet's 2012 *Nutcracker*.

Anyone interested in being involved or looking for more information can contact Jordyn Brown at 705-457-0038 or by email at brown.jordyn@gmail.com.



Dancers, both professional and amateur, came together for the final "dance battle" *Incandescent* at last year's Dusk Dances Haliburton at Head Lake Park. **Darren Lum** File photo

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THE DOGPATCH DOLLIES TEAM

*A million times I've needed you
A million times I've cried,
If love could have saved you
You never would have died.
Things we feel most deeply
Are the hardest things to say,
My dearest one, I loved you,
In a very special way.
If I could have one lifetime wish
One dream that could come true,
I'd pray to God with all my heart
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Deaths

MOORE, William (Bill) - October 26, 1919 - May 8, 2013. Bill passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest Long Term Care with Joan and Maureen at his side. Bill will be sorely missed by Joan, his loving wife of 67 years, son Bill (Janice) of Whistler, daughter Maureen of Minden, grandchildren Robin (Tonya), Justin, Chris and Josie; and great-grandchildren Katie and Matthew. Bill was born in Inchinno, Scotland and immigrated to Canada as a child. Although he was a kind and gentle man, Bill served bravely with the Canadian forces throughout WWII, rose to the rank of captain, and returned to marry his sweetheart, Joan. After a successful career as production manager at Lever Brothers, he lived his dream and retired to "the farm" in 1977. Bill thoroughly enjoyed his second career as a farmer, and doted on his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bill faced his death with the strength and quiet dignity that he lived his life. Memorial service to be held at St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount on Wednesday, May 15. Visitation at the church 12:00 to 2:00, service at 2:00 luncheon to follow in church hall. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Hyland Crest Long Term Care Facility Family Council.

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Card of thanks

The family of **John Finch** wish to thank all the people who have supported them during this difficult time. To our friends and family who helped in the searches, phoned for news, sent cards and flowers, attended John's funeral and brought food to the reception, a sincere and heartfelt thank you.

To Kirsten and Barry (with all the difficulties from the flood) still managing to meet our needs with their usual friendship and professionalism.

The Finch Family

Card of thanks

The family of the late **Eileen Morrison** wish to express our appreciation for the kindness and thoughtfulness shown on our aunt's sudden demise. She was a lady who will be missed not only by her family, but by the many organizations and groups in which she was involved. A sincere thank you to Father Patrick Dobec, the Catholic Women's League ladies of St. Anthony's of Padua Church for their prayers and luncheon in her memory and to the Haliburton Community Funeral Home for their care. For all donations made in her name, again, many thanks.
Bernice, Eleanor, Elaine and Lyn

With Sincere Thanks...

The family of the late **Daniel Buhl** would like to thank everyone for their kind expressions of sympathy during our recent loss. Our family deeply appreciates all those who sent flowers, cards and made donations in Daniel's memory.

We also send our gratitude and appreciation to Minister Harry Morgan and Dwaine Lloyd and his staff at the Haliburton Community Funeral Home, for their thoughtfulness and support during this very difficult time. Special thanks to Reeve Murray Fearry, Dave Bishop on behalf of Peter Schleifenbaum, and Keith Hodgson for speaking at Dan's service. We really appreciated you taking the time to share your heartfelt thoughts and memories. Your words were a great source of comfort.

Thank you to Dr. Heyes, all the staff at the Haliburton Highlands Hospital and Highland Crest in Minden for their excellent care of Daniel over the past four months. Thank you all for keeping us in your thoughts.

Heidi and Family



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Deaths



Betty Irvine
(Resident of Wilberforce, Ontario)
Suddenly at Lakeridge Health Oshawa on Wednesday evening, May 8, 2013 in her 75th year. Beloved wife of the late Charles (Chuck) Irvine. Loving mother of Chad of Peterborough and Brett (Joanne) of Minden. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Samantha, Reena and Shawn. Dear sister of Jack, Albert and Robert. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Betty was a successful entrepreneur and business woman in the Highlands for many years. She was very active in the Community and loved to travel the world.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Monday afternoon, May 13, 2013 from 4 -7 p.m. Then again on Tuesday morning, May 14, 2013 from 10 o'clock until time of Funeral Service at 11 o'clock. Reception to follow in the Community Room. Interment later Ingoldsby Cemetery. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Minden Flood Relief would be appreciated by the family.

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Bruce Fearrey
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Surrounded by his family at Highland Wood Nursing Home, Haliburton on Saturday evening, May 11, 2013 in his 78th year. Beloved husband of Pat Fearrey (nee Perrin) for nearly 60 years. Loving father of Cheryl (Murray Miscio) of Haliburton, Mike (Brenda) of Haliburton and Tim (Rene) of Pembroke. Special Bampa to Jeff (Elishya), Ashlee (Jason), Kellee (Dave). Great-Bampa to McKinnon, Hannah, Nathan, Austin & Owen. Dear brother to Lorna Scheffee of Haliburton & Everett of Minden, Ontario. Also lovingly remembered by his neices and nephews. Bruce was a trucker, a mechanic at Boice Motors and worked on the Roads Department for many years. He enjoyed his flowers, plants, playing cards, and his family.

Visitation, Funeral Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on Friday morning, May 17, 2013 from 10 o'clock until time of the Funeral Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to Highland Wood Resident's Council and Allsaw Pentecostal Church would be appreciated by the family.

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			8					1
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ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 405

7	8	9	8	1	9	6	2	4
9	6	7	2	7	9	8	8	1
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1	7	8	9	9	8	2	7	6
6	7	9	7	8	2	8	1	9
8	1	7	9	2	7	9	6	8
4	9	2	8	8	6	1	9	7
8	9	6	1	9	7	7	8	2

HOW TO PLAY:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: **You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.**

CROSSWORD

PUZZLE NO. 669

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ACROSS

1. Tub where you scrub
5. Shade provider
8. Gnaw
12. Mountain feedback
13. Connection
14. Angry frenzy
15. Biting bug
16. Stags and bucks
17. Temptation
18. Transport
19. Magazine fillers
20. Writing table
21. Have title to
23. Freezer cube
25. Exercise target
28. Briny deep
29. Weird
32. Make tracks
33. Enhance
35. Pod inhabitant
36. Japanese money unit
37. Was ahead
38. Regularly
40. Crib or cot
41. Final letter
42. Nero's garment

DOWN

4. Ball-game food
5. Patriot Allen
6. Was untruthful
7. Sloppier
8. Unrefined
9. Rabbit's kin
10. Nog ingredients
11. Seven-day period
22. Large aquatic mammal
24. Dugout
25. The old college
26. Cast
27. Resting place
28. Piece of turf
29. Choose
30. Fourth letter
31. Mr. Aykroyd
34. Subtracts
39. _____ wheel
40. Howled
41. Zoo attraction
42. Mild reproofs
43. Giant
44. Exultation
46. Cleansing agent
48. Nobleman
49. Section
50. Annoying one

ANSWER TO PUZZLE NO. 669

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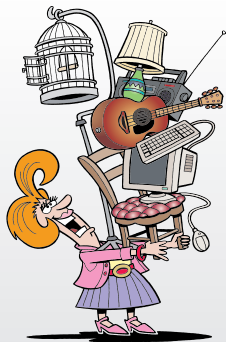
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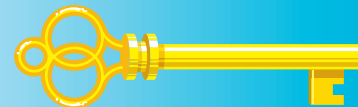
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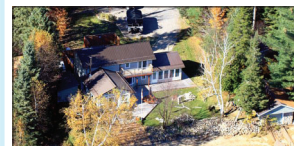
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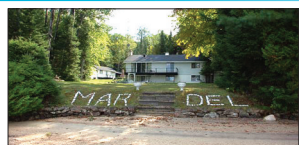
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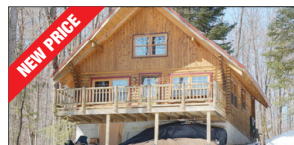
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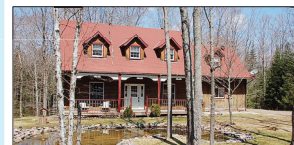
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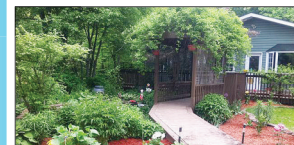
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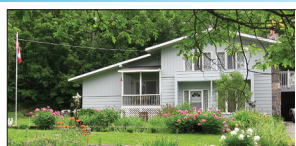
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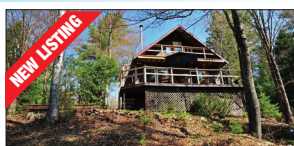
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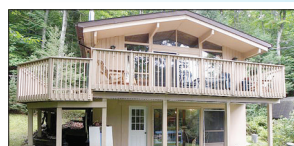
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\$157,000



TIDY HOME - GELERT ROAD

Renovated 1+1 BR, 5 min from village. Full fin bsmt. Level lot, view of the lake. Ideal starter!

\$132,000



OWN YOUR OWN!

Great little starter home. 2+1 BR, 4pc. Full Bsmt, Dr. Well, Septic. Irondale.

\$118,000



MINK ROAD

Cute & cozy 2 br cottage or home. Level lot with private yard. Deeded access to Long Lake just a short walk. Freshly painted.

\$97,000



RIVERFRONT HOME OR GETAWAY

Pretty lot of 2.7 ac & 300' on the Redstone River with 2BR mobile home. Near West Guilford on year round road.

\$92,500



TURN KEY BUSINESS

Well established hair salon in Haliburton. Repeat clientele & walk in traffic. Laundry, 2 pc bath, kitchen. Equipped & ready to walk in and work!

\$24,500

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REAL ESTATE UPDATE BUYING MORE THAN A HOUSE

QUESTION: I want to buy a house. I understand that location and intangibles are just as important as the house itself. How do I check these out?

ANSWER: Ask your agent to drive you around the local area. Don't be shy about asking questions and be sure to make note of the answers.

Will zoning allow you to add onto your house at a later date? When were local taxes reassessed last? Are there plans to open or close schools? Is the neighbourhood restricted to single family houses? What is the tax rate, proximity to public transportation, shopping, schools, hospitals? What has been the rate of property value increase?



CHECK OUT the neighbourhood as well as the house before you make a final buying decision